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## The Shapley Engine.

The boiler of the steam engine has been too much neglected of late years by inventors, who, as a rule, have turned their attention to the more attractive theme of the engine. The result has been a vastly greater improvement in the engine than boiler. In a great many instances the wastefulness of the boiler has been very great, while the engine was working with a reasonable degree of economy. In the engine and boiler which we illustrate the aim has been to make a good, safe and economical boiler, and, at the same time, to produce an engine which should use the steam with a reasonable degree of economy.

The boiler, shown in section in Fig. 2—on third page—consists of a conical fire box, surmounted by a flat crown sheet, and inclosed within the shell of the boiler. The shell is made in two sections, the lower part connected to the upper by an annular head. From the upper part of the fire box, just below the crown sheet, short horizontal tubes A give free communication into the outer air. The tubes B extend downward from the annular head to the base. A circular jacket, or case C, prevents the fire from the fire box from passing into the open air. The base of the boiler is converted into a flue, and takes the smoke from each of these tubes and conveys it to the smoke stack. The sides of the fire box are inclined, which gives the surfaces the maximum efficiency. The height of the boiler is considerable, so that the crown sheet has a considerable depth of water over it, and, at the same time, the fire box is made of ample size and height. The flues are all easily accessible for cleaning from the outside, simply by the removal of the jacket. The top head of the boiler is of cast iron, riveted in the usual manner. To prevent the throwing of sparks, the bottom of the flues in the base plate are kept covered with water, so that, as the gases pass down the side tubes the sparks fall into the water and are extinguished. Though not shown in the sectional view, the crown sheet is stayed so as to give it ample strength. These boilers give the rated power with 60 pounds per square inch, though they will stand 120 lbs. with perfect safety.

The engine is of the vertical type, not bolted to the boiler, but having a frame of its own fastened to the bed plate of the boiler. A plain D valve is used driving a single eccentric, cutting off at  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the stroke. The pump is of the locomotive pattern; the parts are held together by a stirrup and a single screw driven from the cross head. Piston rod, valve stem, crank pin and the like, are of steel. Journals are rebated, slides made large, and the bearings generally well fitted. The fittings of the engine are neat and convenient. The exhaust is passed through a feed water heater on the bed plate before escaping into the smoke stack. The engines are built of 3, 5, 8 and 12 horse-power. The boilers are of the same size and also 15 horse-power, the latter for use with the 12 horse-power engine. A favorite way of combining them is to put an 8, 12 or 15 horse-power boiler with a 5, 8 or 12 horse-engine. Messrs. Shapley & Wells manufacture this engine, which is for sale by R. W. Wilde, the sole agent, 20 Cortlandt street, N. Y. We should not omit to say that the parts of these engines are duplicates and interchangeable, so that no difficulty is experienced, in case repairs are needed, in obtaining them from the manufacturer.

## The Determination of Carbon in Iron and Steel.

A correspondent in Chicago, who signs himself "An Old Subscriber," writes as follows:

I have had a dispute with a friend as to the best and quickest process for determining the amount of carbon in steel. If you would please to state in your correspondent's column of your publication, in the next issue if possible, you would greatly oblige.

There are several methods of determining the percentage of carbon in steel and iron. All the processes are quite different, and can only be performed with accuracy by experienced chemists. We conclude that our correspondent is not a chemist, or he would not have written as above. Probably the easiest process is the colorimetric method, but this is less accurate than others. For the information of all to whom the subject may be of interest, we give below the valuable paper on "Carbon Determinations in Iron and Steel," read at the Detroit meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, by Prof. John W. Langley. It is much fuller and more accurate than anything we could write on the subject, even if we had the time to spare:

The determination of the amount of carbon in iron and steel has long been recognized as an analytical process of extreme difficulty.

To make an approximate estimate is easy, but when figures accurate to the second decimal place of percentages are the objects of inquiry, the number of apparently insignificant sources of error becomes so great that only the most minute and conscientious attentions to details will insure a result which has any value at all;

when judged by the severe requirements which the engineer makes upon the metallurgist.

Not only is any process for the estimation of carbon intrinsically difficult, but no two methods will give the same results, and when the averages of two series of analyses, conducted with equal care but by different methods, are compared, they will usually differ from each other by more than one-tenth of one per cent.

In view of the attention which has recently been drawn to the connection between physical properties and chemical composition in the metals and alloys principally employed in the arts, and in which investigation steel, of course, plays a leading part, it becomes more than ever desirable for the analyst to select, out of the various means now at hand for the estimation of carbon, that which can be the most easily

a sufficiently fine condition of metal. Now it is obvious that many samples of iron could not be mounted in a lathe and diamond turned, even if the costly tool necessary was always at hand, and flings, to quote an English author, "are lumpy little fragments which expose but a small surface in comparison with their mass."

The process by solution has the authority of many great names in its favor, but it is open to several sources of error. First, if there is free acid present, a portion of the carbon will escape as a gasous or liquid hydrocarbon, and, in fact, no one of the usual solvents, cubic chloride and sulphate, or mercury chloride, can be maintained in a liquid which is absolutely neutral to litmus paper. Second, bromine and iodine attack the iron readily, but leave, as Eggertz has shown, a residue containing carbon, iodine, silicon, etc., in a form which is not

the objections which may be raised against iodine, bromine, and presumably chlorine and nitric acid; then, too, it can always be used in the same degree of concentration in water, and the amount of free acid, which is always very minute, can be reduced to a constant quantity by previous digestion with oxide of copper.

There is one detail, however, which the writer has found to be important. If the metal is not finely divided and is introduced in a cold solution of copper, the attack will be very slow, and local action occurring here and there, the copper will be deposited in adherent masses, which oftentimes may be  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch in thickness; as these are tough, they cannot be completely broken up by stirring, and the carbon thus enveloped will not be completely burned.

But if the metal is passed through a finesieve and introduced cold into the liquid, which is

gren's method liable to the same action, and hence that a part, or all of the graphitic carbon, might not be converted into carbonic acid, but remain behind as graphitic acid, in which case it would fail of being weighed with the absorption apparatus.

This objection may not hold in practice, the writer is not prepared to prove it, but the necessity of carefully watching the generating flask becomes quite onerous where a large number of analyses have to be made; he has therefore resorted to the method of combustion at a red heat, by modifying slightly the form of apparatus customarily used. A porcelain tube of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch internal diameter is placed in a furnace, which will keep at least 10 inches in length of the tube up to a full yellow heat; a plug 2 inches in length is inserted in the anterior end; this plug is made by coiling up fine copper bell wire till it is just large enough to fit the tube closely; the interstices between the wires will always be large enough to allow of the passage of gas. Air being now drawn through the apparatus, the copper is deeply oxidized, and thus a filter of oxide of copper is produced, which at a red heat will oxidize any carbonic oxide or hydrocarbon which may pass over it.

To hold the matter to be burned, a copper boat is provided, which is easily made by folding up a piece of sheet copper; it should be about five inches long, and when bent form a half cylinder with closed ends; a few small holes may be made through the bottom with a punch, in order to make the vessel porous. On the bottom of the boat a stratum of asbestos is laid, and on this the mixed copper and carbon sponge is loosely placed. The anterior end of the tube containing the wire plug being first heated, the boat is then introduced, and the combustion conducted in the usual manner, either in purified oxygen or air. Air seems to answer perfectly, only, of course, more of it must be used than of pure oxygen; the most convenient method is to draw the air through by means of a water aspirator, and at the rate of six litres an hour. Operating in this way, I have not found any difficulty in oxidizing the carbon completely, even the graphite. This is probably from two reasons. First, the heat is a full yellow, much more than a glass tube could bear. Secondly, the carbon, being in a state of molecular division and surrounded on every side by particles of metallic copper, is sure to be burned as soon as the copper itself becomes oxidized.

When once the apparatus is mounted, it demands very little attention; the porcelain tube will last from ten to twenty times, and by having two boats, one may be withdrawn, and the other one inserted without cooling the tube, so that two combustions, including the weighings and calculations, may be made inside of three hours. The copper boats, if made of ordinary thin metal, will last five times before they become oxidized entirely through. As showing the result of the above method, which has been in use for the past year and a half, I will venture to quote a few out of a large number of analyses.

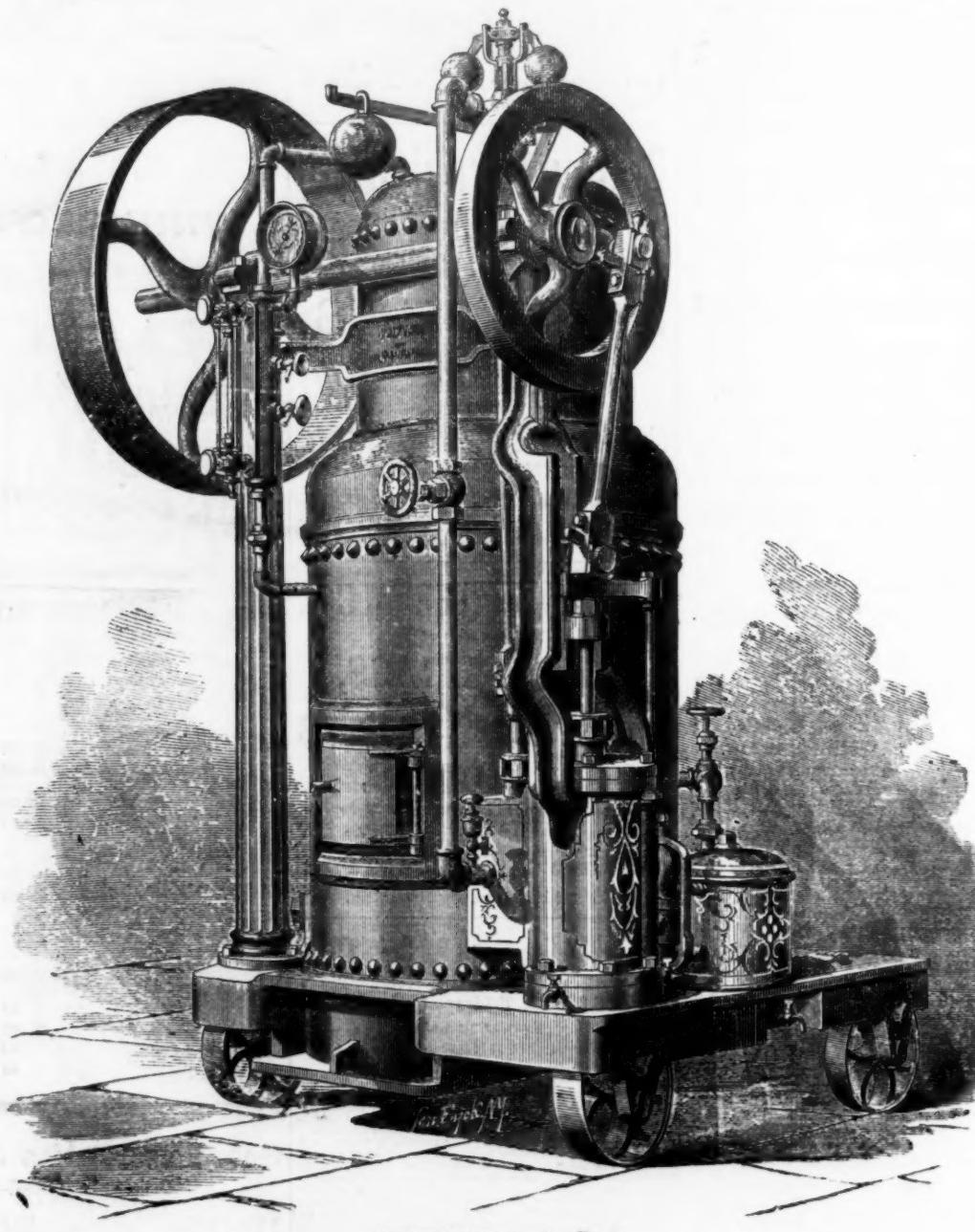
	Carbon.	Carbon.	Carbon.	Carbon.	
A	1.063	B	0.943	C	1.041
1.051	0.938	0.941	0.996	D	0.971
Difference.....	-0.014	+0.017	-0.007	-0.020	

A, B, C, D being different samples of steel. After making an aggregate of over fifty combustions, the maximum departure from the mean in various samples has been three-hundredths of 1 per cent., and the average departure from the mean is a trifle over one-hundredth, or one part in ten thousand of the metal operated on.

To recapitulate: the method described above consists in attacking the alloy, previously pulverized and sifted, by a solution of sulphate of copper, washing the mixed copper and carbon on a funnel plugged with asbestos, and finally burning the entire mass in a stream of oxygen or air in a porcelain tube maintained at a much higher temperature than can possibly be used with Bohemian glass.

The *Journal of Chemistry* warns the drinkers of water of wells near dwellings to beware of the typhoid poison, sure to be found sooner or later in those reservoirs, if any of the house drainage can percolate them. The gelatinous matter often found upon the stones of a well is a poison to the human system, probably causing by its spores a fermentation of the blood, with abnormal heat or fever. Whole-some, untainted water is always free from all color and odor. To test it thoroughly, place half a pint in a clear bottle, with a few grains of lump sugar, and expose it, stoppered, to sunlight, in a window. If, even after an exposure of eight or ten days, the water becomes turbid, be sure that the water has been contaminated by sewage of some kind. If it remains perfectly clear, it is pure and safe.

The superintendent of the Passaic zinc mines, at Ogdensburg, N. J., a few days ago found a large garnet in the mine, for which he has been offered \$50. There have been several smaller ones found, valued at from \$10 to \$15 each.



THE SHAPLEY ENGINE.—FIG. 1.

controlled and by which the operator can with the greatest certainty assure himself that like conditions may be repeated at will.

In an ordinary determination of the carbon in an organic body, the possible variations in the method of procedure are not numerous, nor do they seem to have much influence on the final result. In the case of iron and steel, however, the circumstances are very different, for 99 per cent. of metal must first be removed before the carbon can be in a state to be attacked, and then, too, it exists, when separated from the iron, in two if not three different conditions, each of which has its effect on the purity by which the element shall be finally brought into a form suitable for weighing.

At the outset, we have to choose between two courses. First, the direct combustion of the alloy and weighing the carbon as carbonic acid; second, the previous removal of the metal by some solution and subsequent combustion of the insoluble residue. Of the first of these paths, it may be said that though theoretically the straightest, it is in practice the least satisfactory, for the film of oxide of iron which immediately forms will protect the substance beneath it from further action unless particles of extreme minuteness are operated on, and chemists who have paid a great deal of attention to this subject say, that the more minutely divided the metal, the greater will be the amount of carbon found. It has even been proposed to turn off fine shavings of hard steel by means of a diamond, as the best method of obtaining

now this residue be burned, the iodine will escape and pass more or less completely into the absorption apparatus, and of course will tend to increase the apparent amount of carbon.

Third, the character of the residue will vary according to the rate at which the metal has been dissolved. Caron and Crace Calvert have both shown that, when steel is treated for a long time by very dilute acids, a residue was left which was much greater in quantity than when the action of the acid was promoted by warmth or concentration. Fourth, Caron first established the fact that the physical state of the metal had an influence on the quality and quantity of this carbonaceous residue. According to him, 100 parts of steel of cementation leave by treatment with acid:

Steel direct from converter.....	Residue. Carbon.
" hammered.....	1.034 0.993
" hardened.....	1.043 0.960 trace

So that the same sample of steel, which in its natural state shows nearly one per cent. of carbon, may show, when tempered, a trace only; and yet no one doubts that the same quantity of carbon really exists in the above three samples.

In view of these facts, the writer has given his preference to sulphate of copper as the solvent, notwithstanding the fact that it has been both strongly advocated, and also energetically condemned long ago; for it does not contain any substance which can be retained by the insoluble residue, and is therefore free from

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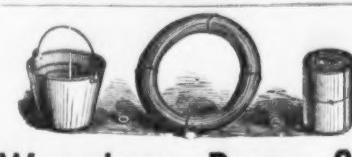
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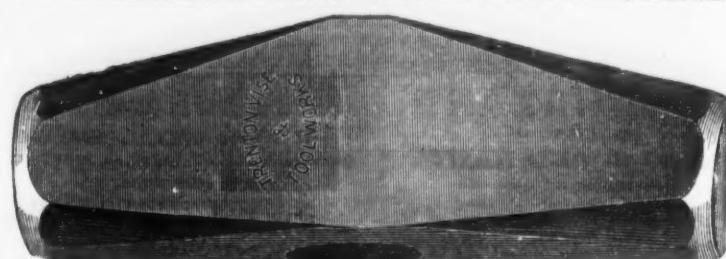
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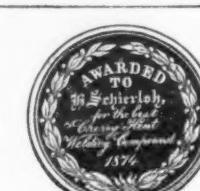
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The work of deepening and enlarging the East River channel at Hellgate's Point is fast approaching completion, and it is now attracting the special attention of engineers and men of science throughout the country. Owing to the peculiar formation of the rock at Hellgate's Point, together with the narrowness of the present channel and the almost uninterrupted passage of vessels, the work has been done under many disadvantageous circumstances. After a tedious work of nearly six years the task of excavating has at last been completed, and the secondary work of preparing for the grand blast is now going on. Inasmuch as the explosive power to be used in the final blast will be about 50,000 pounds of nitro-glycerine, or about eight times as much as has ever been simultaneously discharged before, much interest and not a little anxiety is being manifested in

until after the great blast at Hellgate's Point is over. There are at present only about 10 men engaged upon the work. A shaft 60 feet deep has already been sunk, and two tunnels, each about 20 feet long, have been excavated, the one running across toward the New York shore and the other in the direction of Hellgate's Point. It is thought that it will take about two years to complete the work, by which time nearly all of the obstructions will have been removed from the neighborhood of Hell Gate.

## State Regulation of Railroads.

The following bill was introduced into the Wisconsin Legislature, March 14, 1867, and is a model for Granger legislation:

No. 464. A Bill to regulate the business of railroad corporations in the State of Wisconsin.

The people of the State of Wisconsin represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be a Board of Railroad Commissioners, consisting of one hundred and sixty-one members, who shall be appointed as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. Within ten days after the passage of this act the Governor shall nominate one hundred and sixty-one persons, citizens of the State to be Railroad Commissioners, and transmit the names of such persons to the Senate for confirmation.

SECTION 3. Said Commissioners shall be located by lot. The name of each station on the line of every railroad in the State shall be placed in a box; each Commissioner shall then draw a ticket from the box; the name thereon shall determine his future residence and field of operations.

SECTION 4. Each Commissioner, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall execute to the different railroad companies a bond in the

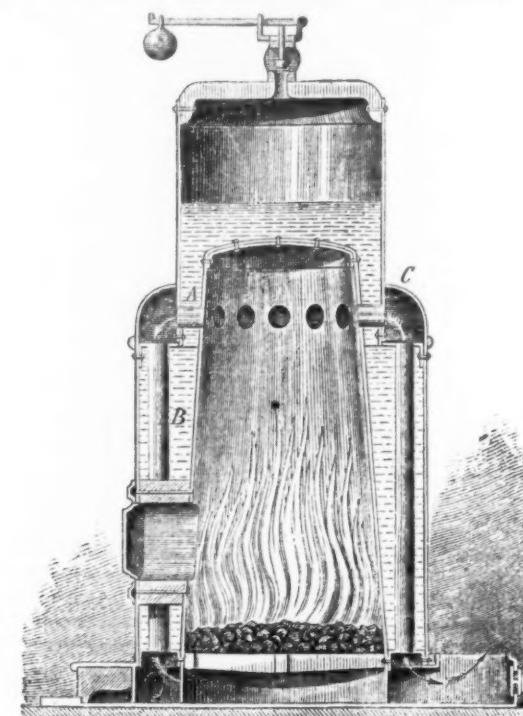


Fig. 2.—THE SHAPLEY BOILER.—(See page 1).

penal sum of thirteen dollars, with not less than two sureties, to be approved by the farmers in the locality of their operations, for the faithful discharge of their duty, and shall also take and subscribe an oath of allegiance to the United States government.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of each Commissioner to ascertain, if possible, the amount of indebtedness of each road and the probability of their paying their debts; shall fix the price to be paid for wood by such corporation and the time when the same shall be paid; and shall make themselves generally useful in looking after the interests of these monopolies.

SECTION 6. The salary of each of these Railroad Commissioners shall be nine hundred and seventy dollars per annum, which shall be paid out of the school fund of the State.

SECTION 7. Said Commissioners, when thus appointed shall remain in office until removed by death, when their places may be filled as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 8. In case of the death of the Governor, any vacancy in the Board may be filled by any conductor of a passenger train; provided, that no man shall be appointed who has ever been a member of the Legislature of this State.

SECTION 9. There shall be held in the city of Milwaukee, on the 4th day of July in each year, a meeting of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, who shall invite the officers of each and every railroad company in the State to attend for a general consultation on railroad matters; provided, that the Common Council of said city shall pay all legitimate expenses of said meeting.

SECTION 10. In case the Railroad Commissioners and railroad officers fail to agree as regards the duty of these monopolies, then in that case the subject shall be referred to the Supreme Court of the United States, whose decision shall be final.

SECTION 11. No person shall be allowed to ride as a dead-head on any railroad in this State whose usual weight is more than 132 pounds, and all persons who shall make applications to any person authorized to give passes, and shall fail to furnish such person with the official seal of the town or ward where he may reside, shall be deemed guilty of swindling, and shall pay into the treasury of such railroad the sum of half a dollar for the first offence and sixty cents for each similar offence thereafter committed.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in full force from and after the 17th of March, 1867, and shall become like the laws of the Medes and Persians, to remain unchanged forever.

A destructive blast furnace accident lately occurred at the Hot Holes furnaces, Wolverhampton, occasioning the death of four workmen. The tuyere, whose destruction occasioned the explosion, had been repaired, but was sound. Some molten iron impinging upon the tuyere burst through the boiler plate iron of which it was made, and thus allowed the water to escape into the furnace. The molten metal had got upon the furnace by there having been a sudden fall in the contents of the furnace after a portion of the completed iron had been run off.

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### New Patents.

We take from the records of the Patent Office in Washington the following specifications of certain patents lately issued, which will be found interesting:

#### IMPROVEMENT IN TILTING AND REVOLVING PUDDLING FURNACES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 167,241, dated August 31, 1875, issued to Gordon W. Hall, of Havana, New York.

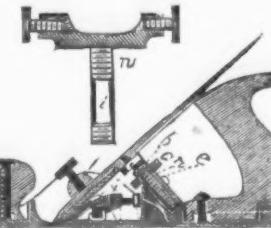
Figure 1 of the drawings is a longitudinal vertical sectional view of a tilting puddling furnace. Fig. 2 is a detail view, and Fig. 3 is a plan view.

This invention has relation to puddling furnaces wherein the process of puddling is conducted in hearths or basins which are moved by mechanical power for the purpose of agitating the melted metal, and facilitating the puddling operation.

It consists mainly in a boiling and puddling hearth or basin, which is mounted in such manner that a continuous circular tilting or wobbling motion is imparted to it during the operation of puddling, whereby the contained metal is more thoroughly agitated and exposed to the heat of the furnace, as will be hereinafter explained. The invention also consists in a puddling hearth or basin, which is free to be tilted

so as to be tilted at any desired angle. The segment f is held between guides and the segment f, which has teeth on its lower edge, is held between guides g. The guides are rigidly secured to the spokes of a large horizontal bevel spur-wheel, D, which turns freely around the standard B and receives its rotation from a pinion, h, on a shaft which extends through the furnace wall, and is driven by means of a belt or spoked gearing. The guides g receive between them a worm-screw, on the shaft of which a crank-handle is keyed for allowing it to be turned. The screw engages with the teeth on segment f, so that by turning this screw the basin A can be adjusted in a horizontal plane. The ring C, which is rigidly secured to the basin A by means of arms, as above stated, is free to turn inside of the band C', when not arrested by pivoted fingers j, which are applied to the band C'. When fingers j are turned inward and locked with the arms of ring C, then the basin A will rotate with the wheel D. J designates a rod having a hook, l, on one end. This rod passes through the wall of the furnace, and has a ball and socket bearing therein, which allows it to receive a universal play. The hook l is on the inner end of the rod J, and is designed to engage with one or the other of two hooks, n, on the bottom of the basin A, and prevent this

its lower part, and operated by a thumb screw turned upon it. The bit is laterally adjustable by set screws provided with large flanged heads, and operating in bearings on either side of the support. The size of the throat can be changed by an adjustable wedge in rear of the bit, the whole secured in place by a set screw operating in a cross bar located in front of the plane iron.

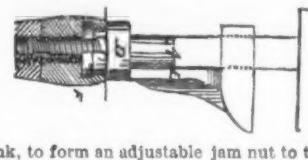


1. The combination of the adjustable support b, the lateral adjusting screws a a, and the screw E.

2. The combination of abutment D, the adjustable support b, the threaded pin n, nut e, the lateral adjusting screws a a, the wedge f and its screw g, and the clamping screw E.

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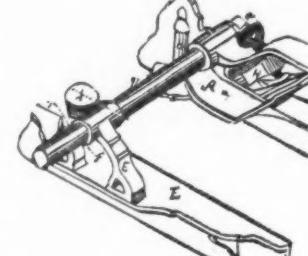
To Richard J. Welles, St. Joseph, Mo.—The handle H, threaded and movable on screw



shank, to form an adjustable jam nut to the revolving nut F'.

#### CARPENTERS' PLANE.

To Matthias C. Mayo, Boston, Mass.—1. The divided clamp C, provided with bearing C', slot

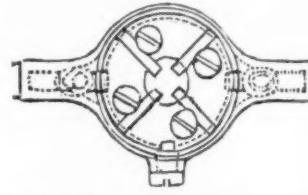


f, and clamping screw d, adapted to hold and embrace the arm D of a stock.

2. The combination, with the sword plate C, provided with a lip or flange, s, of the cutter b, pivoted clamping lever H, provided with concave enlargement a' and adjustable gage E.

#### DIE-STOCK.

To John J. Grant, Hartford, Conn.—1. The combination of the bolts b and the shoulder A

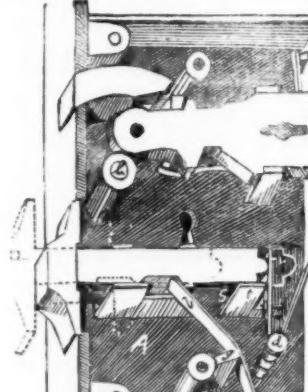


with a die-stock, for the purpose of securing the die in its place when in use.

2. A die-stock with a circular collet or disk, held in place by spring bolts and slot and pin.

#### LOCK FOR SLIDING DOORS.

To Thos. Lyon, Hartford, and Emery Purker, New Britain, Conn.—1. In combination with lock cases for sliding flush doors, an extensible draw bar, a, having its head projected beyond



the front plate to form a thumb piece, by which it can be extended, but arranged to be sheathed within the case when the edges of the sliding doors are brought into contact.

2. The combination, with an extensible draw bar, a, as described, of a friction stop spring b.

It appears that powerful competition of foreign rivals in the ship business has had the effect of seriously reducing the domestic carrying trade of Great Britain. In the shorter timber trades, British ships, so it appears from the Nautical Magazine, can no longer compete with foreigners, for the foreigner has the trade, which he can carry on without interruption.

Another import industry is also slipping out of the fingers of Great Britain. Numbers of British sailing ships that were till recently employed in trade with the West Coast of Africa

have been transferred, and no more are going.

Another feature worthy of note is that Liverpool, which was recently the seat or entrepot of the palm oil trade, will soon be so no longer.

That port will now only receive such cargoes of oil as may be brought by the large steamers.

The sailing vessels are being taken off the Liverpool trade, in order to run between Havre or Hamburg and the West Coast.

circular hearth or basin, which is composed of cast iron entire or in sections, and constructed with an annular hollow rim, a, radial water conduits, b, and a central elevation, b'.

The conduits b communicate with and supply water to the rim or boshes a, and the central elevation b' receives in it a teat, c, which has a perforation through its apex, and between

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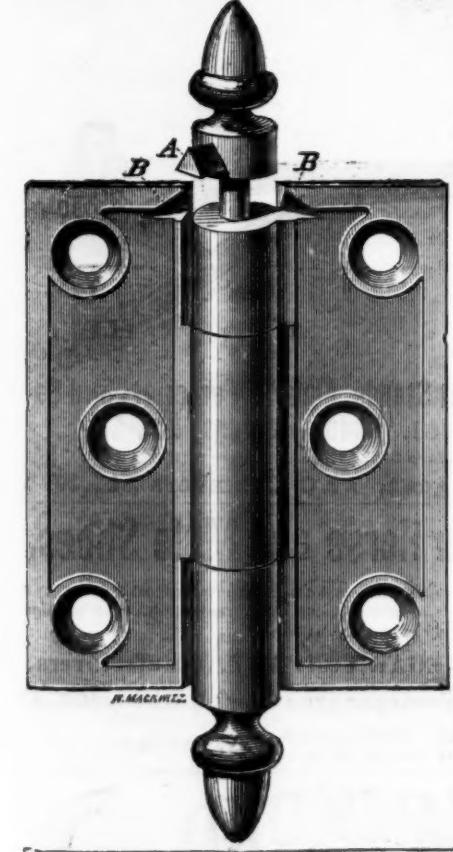
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PART II.—*The Common Mill.*

Before proceeding to consider the later systems and more recent improvements in rolling mill practice, it will not be out of place to give a short description of the ordinary "two-high" train, and to take a brief survey of the more common features of roll trains in general. The common "two-high" train was until within a few years the train employed for all kinds of rolling, but it is now confined almost exclusively to the manufacture of flat bars for rail and beam piles, merchant bars, and fillets for wire rods, and even for these purposes it is rapidly being superseded by the later styles.

In this train one or more pairs of rolls are connected together, and the piece of metal requiring to be rolled is passed between the rolls of the first pair, and is then lifted over them to the other side, and again passed between them, which operation is repeated in the successive pairs, until the metal is brought to the required shape and dimensions.

For bar iron the rolls have grooves cut in them, so that when placed in position the corresponding grooves in each roll are directly opposite each other, and produce, along their line of nearest approach, circular, rectangular, or any other sections according to the shapes which we wish to give the iron. These rolls have their axes in the same vertical plane and turn in contrary directions. In the "small mill," sets of three rolls, one above the other, are employed. In this arrangement the middle roll turns in a contrary direction to the other two.

The rolls present three distinct parts: the body, the journals, and the ends, or "wabblers," as they are called. The latter are grooved in order that they may be connected with the neighboring sets of rolls by means of spindles and coupling boxes.

The rolls are supported between "chucks" enclosed in the housings. Each housing is supplied with a large screw, having a lever or handle for communicating motion to it. These screws, which pass through large nuts fitted in the caps of the housings, press on the chucks immediately above the upper roll, termed the "riders," and serve to hold them in position, while the metal is passing through the grooves. The distance between the rolls is regulated by wedges placed under the "carriers" or supporting chuck. The position of these wedges is generally fixed by hand, but they are sometimes made adjustable by means of screws.

The housings are secured very firmly by strong bolts and pins to a large cast iron bed-plate, bolted to the foundation. When, however, longer or shorter rolls than those already in use are desired to be employed, the housings are so arranged that they can be removed or brought closer to each other without difficulty. Mr. James Moore, of the Bush Hill Iron Works, Philadelphia, makes an excellent arrangement for this purpose, but a description of it would here be out of place.

The dimensions of the rolls and other parts of the train vary, of course, with the dimensions of the iron to be rolled. A heavy rolling mill consists of two sets or pairs of rolls, distinguished as the "roughing" and "finishing" rolls. In the 12 and 8 inch trains, however, three, and very often four, sets are employed. A good rule with regard to the arrangement of the sets of rolls in a train is to place those which have to bear the greatest strain nearest the prime mover; but the order usually adopted, irrespective of which set has to bear the greatest strain, is, first, the pinions, then the roughing, and lastly the finishing rolls. In the small mill, however, a set containing open-square and oval grooves, is interposed between the roughing and finishing sets. These or the "finishing ovals" as they are called, are employed only in rolling round wire rods; the last groove merely pressing the oval rod into a round one, with but a slight reduction in the area of the cross section.

The different sets of rolls are connected with each other by means of spindles and coupling boxes. The spindles are grooved like the wabblers, and the coupling boxes act as sleeves for receiving the ends of each and binding them together. Wooden pieces are tied in the grooves of each spindle to maintain the separation of the coupling boxes. As the coupling boxes are easily replaced, it is considered a good practice to so construct them that in case of any extraordinary strain upon the train they will break before any other part. This was formerly done with the spindle which coupled the driving shaft to the pinions; it was weakened by being turned down, and called from this fact the "breaking spindle." But this has almost entirely gone out of use on account of its cost. The spindles and wabblers ought to have a play in the coupling boxes of about one-eighth inch, so that the rolls may undergo slight derangements without breaking them, but principally in order that the rolls may be used after they have become worn below their pitch lines.

At the end of the train, nearest the prime mover, are placed the pinions, mounted in housings similar to those of the rolls. These also present three parts; the body that bears the teeth, the necks and the wabblers by which they are coupled to the roughing rolls on one side, and to the prime mover on the other. When the roughing rolls are "three high," as in the small 8' train, it is preferable to couple the prime mover to the middle pinion, as the backlash and liability to breakage is much less, although in some mills they are driven very successfully from the bottom pinion.—*Miscellaneous Rolling Mill Information.* By Lewis & Rossiter, No. 9.

The teeth of the pinions are set within discs, or webs, at each end, which are nearly of the same diameter as the pitch circles. Formerly the pinions were fastened directly to the rolls, but this was very objectionable and the source of a great deal of trouble, for, the wheels being once accurately centered, would gradually work themselves out of their position of true gear as the rolls wore, and even without regard to the wear of the rolls, it necessitated a fixed distance between them for every pattern of bar. The adoption of the present mode of mounting the pinions in separate housings, and thereby making them independent of the rolls, was, therefore, an important step in the progress of rolling mill construction.

The arrangement by which the train is coupled to the driving shaft of the prime mover consists of a clutch called a "crab," which is composed of two pieces so constructed that the train may be disengaged without entirely stopping the engine. One piece, which is bored out, and keyed fast to the driving shaft, consists of a thick disc having segmental projections on its face called "horns." The other, which is movable along the "breaking spindle" (still so called from its formerly having served as such, but now one of the strongest parts of the complete machine), consists of a coupling box with horns on one end, which fit in between the horns of the disc on the driving shaft. These two pieces may be engaged or disengaged by means of a forked lever, the prongs of which pass within a groove turned in the movable piece.

In order to facilitate the entering of the bar in the various grooves, wrought iron pieces with steel edges called "rests" are placed in front of the rolls nearly but not quite to the high of the bottom of each groove. Sometimes plates are laid over these for a portion of the whole length of the rolls, or the whole is made in one solid piece. On the side of the rolls, where the iron leaves the grooves, are placed other pieces called "guides," with grooves in them of the same shape as the grooves in the rolls to which they correspond, but made a little larger in order that the bar may pass along them easily. The object of the guides, as their name implies, is to direct the iron from the rolls and prevent it from winding around them or "collaring," as it is termed. In the 8' train, where the grooves are small and close together, guides are employed in the place of rests, in order to insure the entering of the rod in the right groove, and, moreover, to guide the rod horizontally into as well as out of each groove, because if this is not done the rod will be more or less flattened and untrue in section. A train fitted in this manner is called a "guide mill." Flat bars and plates require simply plain flat guides. In the beam and rail mill there are, beside the rests and guides, cast iron pieces to the right and left of each groove called "side guides," for the purpose of preventing the iron from bending sideways, which is very often the tendency in rolling bars of unsymmetrical sections, or bars that have been unevenly heated. In rolling bars of grooved sections, like those of a beam or trough bar, wire brushes are sometimes placed behind the grooves, for the purpose of removing the scale or film of oxide which collects on the upper side.

In rolling heavy bars, such as rails and beams, a workman, at each passage, receives the iron as it leaves the groove, and returns it over the top roll along the groove which it next engages. As soon as the iron is freed from the rolls, therefore, it must be lifted to a height equal to the diameter of the top roll, and for this purpose it is received on levers with hooked ends, suspended by chains from pulleys which are free to roll along iron bars fastened to the framework of the building.

Along the top of the train is a trough containing running water. This is pierced with small holes, or has small pipes leading from it to the journals, in order to convey the water to them and prevent them from becoming too hot and cracking. Where the bodies of the rolls are liable to become heated by contact with the hot iron, the water is allowed to trickle over them, and it not only serves to keep them cool, but also to clean the hot bar or plate, by bursting into steam and sputtering the scale. The roughing rolls, however, are seldom watered while the iron is in them, as the "roughers" usually have to work so close to the rolls that the sputtering of the scale would inconvenience them.

The housings are cast of the most homogeneous iron that can be obtained, and made strong enough to resist all the strains and shocks that are liable to be brought upon them. Formerly they were set directly on timber or masonry, and were ill-adjusted and unstable. In the new practice, the housings and "shoes" on which they rest are accurately planed together. In the older forms the top was removable to facilitate changing rolls, but this interfered with strength and solidity. They are now made of sufficient height and width to permit changing rolls from the front or rear, and are accurately fitted to the movable chucks that hold the rolls and give them firm lateral support.—*Engineering, May 8, 1874.*

The fitting of the rolls still remains to be described. In the plate mill, the rolls being plain cylinders, the same part of them may be used for all the passes, the change of figure being produced simply by narrowing the space between them vertically across each pass. For this purpose the top roll may be moved toward or from the bottom roll by means of the screws with which it is kept in contact by counter-weights.

In rolling rounds and squares the grooves are turned half in each roll, and in order to prevent the rolls from moving laterally and disarranging the grooves, the brasses which press against the bodies of the rolls are regulated and held by screws in the housings which bear against the chucks.

In rolling rails, beams and flat bars, the top

roll is provided with a series of projections, and the bottom roll with a series of recesses for receiving these projections, and combining thus with the top roll to form the required set of grooves. The projections on the bottom roll are called "collars," and the roll itself the "collared roll."

Fast Mail.

A writer in the *World* says: Fast and slow are arbitrary terms! It was fast in the past, when Thorpe and Sprau and Foxon and Butterfield and Coo and Sherwood sent over the turnpike the telegraph line eight miles the hour, and limited to six passengers. It was position to be one of that six. "I will tell you," said a gentleman, when he wanted to describe the social standing of young Wadsworth—he was young then; we know him as the General Wadsworth dying in the civil war—"I will tell you what he is," he said; "they will take him as the seven passenger in the Telegraph line!" Four miles or three and a half on the packet boat was not fast, but it was ever, ever so comfortable—indeed, after the surging sea of the spring thawed roads, it was luxury. The delay was as nothing compared to the relief of thus gliding on, calm, dui, and peaceful; but the Waverly books were not ancient literature in those days, and the pace was one which admitted of an enjoyment that found the journey only too brief.

Turn to the files of the *Evening Journal* for 1836, and you will find an admirable editorial by Thurlow Weed, describing exultingly the opening day of the Utica and Schenectady road—to Utica and return in one daylight! That was fast. To enjoy it by the test of contrast, it should be read with Governor Clinton's narrative of his tour in a bateau, or "Durham boat," up the Mohawk, searching out the canal question. It is very comical now, but it was tragic enough then to remember that long after the Utica road opened, the passengers westward were detained two hours in the dead of the night at Utica to wait till the locomotive could return from Syracuse. We gather these quaint memories in this day as the ladies select their oldest china to place in their parlors. The tinge of ancient flavor about them is refreshing as a safe sentimentality. It is no longer a disturbing fact.

I suppose that the Postmaster General, if he looks over old schedules and makes contrast with the fast mail's time table, says, as one of the Liverpool and Manchester railroad directors did, when the Rocket told even England's blooded race horses that their day was over: "How has George Stephenson delivered himself!"

**A Water Motor.**—At the Sulzbach, Altenwald Colliery, near Saarbrücken, Prussia, machinery has been established for the transmission of power from a steam engine at the surface, by a column of water circulating under pressure, the circumstances of the case not admitting of the establishment of a direct acting steam pump under ground. The mine is sunk 300 yards below the surface. The piston rod of the high pressure engine above is connected with the pressure plungers, each of which plungers is connected with the underground engine by a tube filled with water. The last mentioned engine consists of four pressure pumps arranged in pairs, and between each pair is placed the working plunger of one of the mine pumps. When the engine on the surface acts, the power is transmitted by one pressure plunger through one water tube to a pair of pressure pumps under ground, and thence to one working plunger, which either aspirates or forces air, according to its position. The opposite pair of pumps and connections work conversely. The water is forced into an air vessel, and thence through the rising main 300 yards in height, in one lift to the surface. On the change of stroke, the water in the cylinder of the pressure pump rises in the second water tube and follows the retiring pressure plunger at the surface, the power supplied by the descent of water in one column being sufficient, with the exception of a slight allowance for friction, to effect its return in the other. If the cataract pauses of the engine at the surface are not too long, the discharge is practically continuous. The *Engineering and Mining Journal*, from whose translation of the German description the above is condensed, adds that at the Phoenix mine, in Cornwall, England, an arrangement of similar description, consisting of a plunger attached to the main pumping engine, connected by a length of tube with water pressure engine in another shaft, has been at work for the last ten years.

The number of lives lost from wrecks, casualties and collisions, on or near the coasts of the United Kingdom, during the year 1873-4 was 506. This is 22 less than the number lost in the six months ending June, 1873. The lives lost during the year 1873-4 were lost in 130 ships; 67 of them were laden vessels, 40 were vessels in ballast, and in three cases it is not known whether the vessels were laden or light. Ninety-five of these ships were entirely lost, and 55 sustained partial damage. Of the 506 lives lost, 61 were lost in vessels that founded, 70 through vessels in collision, 200 in vessels stranded or cast ashore, and 101 in missing vessels. The remaining number of lives lost, 68, were lost from various causes, such as through being washed overboard in heavy seas, explosions, &c. Nine of these lives were lost in wrecks or casualties which, although they happened before July, 1873, are included in these returns, the reports having been received too late for them to be included in the returns for the first six months of 1873. The 203 lost through the sinking of the ship Northfleet will account for the number lost during the first six months of 1873 so far exceeding the number lost during the whole year 1873-4.

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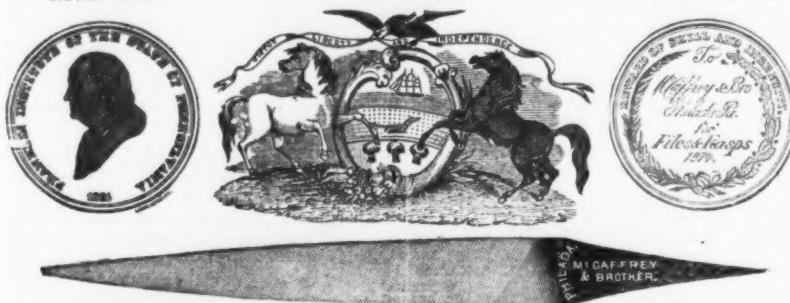
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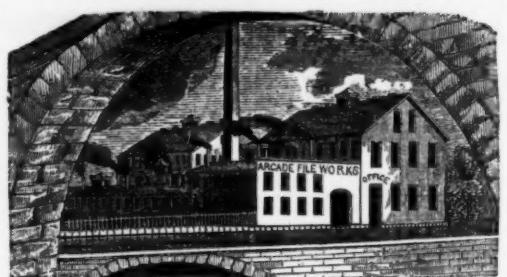
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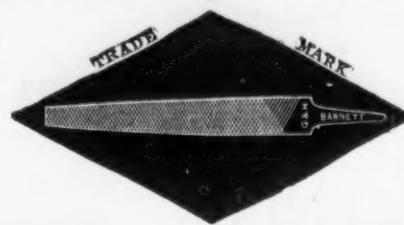
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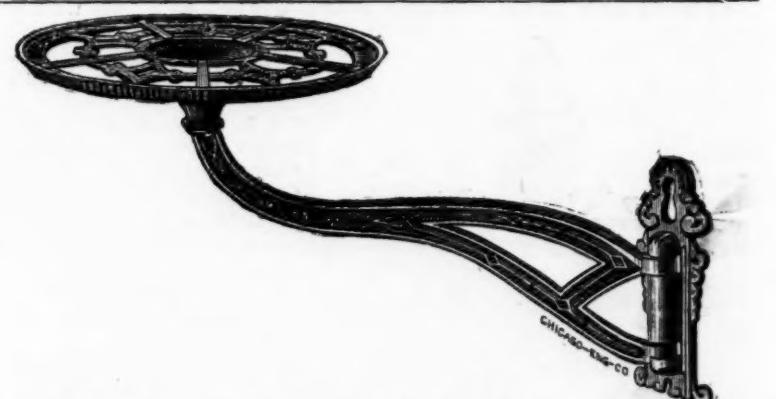
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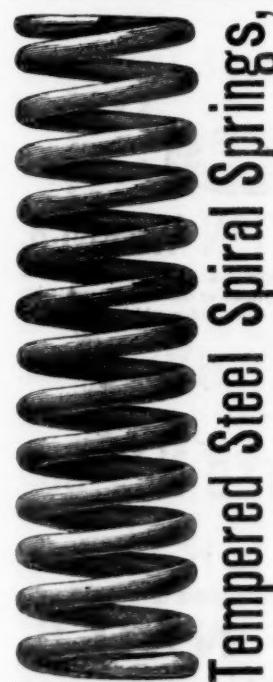
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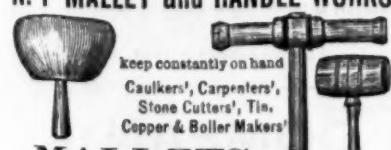
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## BUSINESS ITEMS.

### NEW YORK.

The Rome Commercial says that the Woodstock Iron Company have begun to make "spiegel." Their ore bank, which is very rich, is located near their works. They have already received orders for their production.

The Elmira Iron and Steel Rolling Mill Company are preparing to start up their blast furnace.

Weed & Baker's axe factory, at Cohoes, the principal part of which was destroyed by fire, is now rebuilt, the machinery in order, and running day night to supply the orders that arrived while they were shut down.

### NEW JERSEY.

Two new furnaces have been blown in at Cromwell, Lebanon county. They belong to the heirs of R. W. Coleman. The North Lebanon Furnace, at Lebanon, belonging to the Hon. G. Dawson Coleman, has also been blown in.

### PENNSYLVANIA.

The Connellsville Machine and Car Company is extending the capacity of its works, and is full of orders. The works are now employed on the iron work for two bridges over the Casselman River, on the ore cars and a passenger car for the Green Lick narrow gauge road, and have orders beside for coal pit cars, coal shaft and furnace machinery.

There seems to be a prospect that the Kittanning rolling mills will resume operations. The old limestone well on the McNab farm, three miles north of the town, has come into the control of the iron men, who intend to have it cleaned out, and if sufficient gas is obtained, it will be conducted to the works and used for heating purposes.—*Pitts. Com.*

An order has been issued for the construction, at the Altoona shops, of 24 additional locomotives for the use of the Pennsylvania Railroad. In order to complete them at an early date as possible, additional workmen will be employed and the hours of labor increased. Some of these engines will be for freight traffic, and others will be used as passenger locomotives.

A mammoth piece of hoop iron, measuring over 120 feet long and 8 inches wide, number 8 gauge in thickness, was rolled in the Lewis, Oliver & Phillips mill, Pittsburgh, the other day, for the Exposition.

The Keystone Bridge Company recently completed an iron bridge 163 feet long for the New Jersey Central at Kimmelt's Lock, near Catawissa, and is now erecting another one, 156 feet long, near the same place.

The Lebanon rolling mills have at present 153 men employed, and the mills are running day and night. There was more iron turned out last week than at any other time previous.

The Huntingdon Car Works now employ about 60 men, and are running on contracts for the Pennsylvania Railroad and for a railroad in Cuba.

The Palo Alto Iron Company's mills, in Pottsville, which have been idle for over a year, have resumed operations, about 300 men being employed, at a reduction of 25 per cent. from the former rate.

Messrs. Robinson, Rea & Co., 12 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, are manufacturing Farrelly Allen's "triple cylinder compound balance piston engine." This is a 3 cylinder compound engine, with cylinders in line on one piston rod, or else side by side. The high pressure cylinders are single acting, taking steam at one end only. These pistons make the return stroke without back pressure, as the exhaust steam circulates on both sides of them. This style of compounding is applicable to both high and low pressure engines, and to locomotive, stationary, marine, or pumping engines. It is claimed that it saves half the boiler and half the fuel at high pressure, or nearly double the power of steam when compared with the single cylinder.

The Standard Steel Works, near Lewistown, are doing well. At this establishment crucible steel tires are a specialty, but it has also facilities for supplying crucible steel axles, forgings, castings, etc., etc. Over 8000 tires have been supplied from these works under their present management, since January, 1873. The office of the company is at 218 South Fourth street, Philadelphia.

About a year ago Isabella furnace No. 1, at Aetna, Allegheny county, received much attention throughout the country for its remarkably large yield of pig iron. The Isabella Furnace Company own two stacks, and since last April No. 1 has been blown out and No. 2 put in blast. It has been gradually improving since it was started, and the week ending October 16th it surpassed the largest reported yield of the famous No. 1. The largest yield of No. 1 was the week ending November 7, 1874, when 702,120-2240 tons of pig iron were made, while the largest yield of No. 2 was the week ending 16th inst., when 714,1240-2240 tons were turned out. Of this 112½ tons were made in one day. One-third of the iron was No. 1, and the remainder No. 2. This beats all other furnaces ever reported. It should be mentioned, however, that No. 2 has a 20 foot bosh, while No. 1 is but 18 feet in diameter at the bosh. Each stack is 75 feet high.

The Bulletin of the Iron and Steel Association publishes the following items respecting the Edgar Thomson Steel Works: We are indebted to Capt. Wm. R. Jones, Superintendent of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, for a nickel plated sample of the first rail rolled at the works, September 1st, 1875. It is of the Pennsylvania Railroad 60 pound pattern, and its shape and quality appear to be perfect. We have received from the company a section of a twisted rail made from the product of their first blow, August 26, 1875, which we will place on exhibition in our office. The rail was twisted cold, and our piece of it is in shape very much like an auger, showing con-

clusively, as a well known authority has stated, that "some things can be done as well as others." During the month of September there were rolled at these works 1112,1950-2240 tons of Bessemer rails, the mill running only single turn. At the Tradesman's Industrial Exposition, at Pittsburgh, there is exhibited a steel rail rolled at Edgar Thomson which is 62 feet long. On the 5th inst. 36½ tons of steel rails were rolled. No difficulty has been experienced in operating successfully all the departments of this new and eligibly situated establishment. The company is making rails for the Northern Central Railway Co., of Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway Co., and the Allegheny Valley Railroad Co.

### MASSACHUSETTS.

Smith & Wesson have contracted to furnish the Russian government 20,000 more army pistols, the pattern to be No. 3 with ejectors, and the work will probably be done in something less than seven months. It is proposed in the spring to build an addition, 100 feet long, to the wing on the south part of the building, to accommodate machinery for the manufacture of pistols similar to the new ones now being made, but of smaller calibre.

But few men are employed in the Boston and Albany car shops at Springfield, but they are kept well employed. Eight new box freight cars have been turned out, and enough repairing is needed to keep many more hands busy.

Clark & Chapman, of Turner's Falls, have just finished a 54 inch wheel for the Ludlow Manufacturing Co., at J. Nicksville. Business at this mill, as well as in the others, continues quite good.

The Kitson Machine Company, of Lowell, continue to keep their full force of 180 men busily at work filling orders for their patent compound opener lappers and finisher lappers; also shoddy pickers, needle pointed card clothing, etc. They are also filling large orders for Wamsutter Mills, New Bedford; Lockwood Company, Waterville, Me. The Kitson Machine Company have recently invented and patented some valuable improvements upon their openers and lappers, among these improvements being a new "elastic beater," new friction brake, oil boxes, etc.

### CONNECTICUT.

Horton's chuck mill, at Windsor Locks, which was idle for two months during the warm weather, is now running with over half its full force.

New Britain capital is reported to be invested quite largely in the new lock company at Bridgeport. The concern is to be known as the Bridgeport Lock Company, and has a capital of \$100,000. The president and principal manager is N. G. Miller, formerly president of the Eagle Lock Company, of Terryville. Nathaniel Wheeler, of Bridgeport is largely interested. Work has already begun on their 125x40 feet building. This, and the new Sharp's rifle factory, now nearly completed, will make things livelier than ever in Bridgeport.

### OHIO.

The Novelty Iron Works, Cleveland, have just completed the iron work for the new jail at Coldwater, Mich. They have 3 iron roofs and 12 bridges, one of them 312 feet span, for the Kanawha River, in course of construction, and are running to their full capacity.

The United States Rolling Stock Company has contracted with the Urbana Machine Works for 100 tons of castings, to be used in repairing cars.

The Cincinnati Iron Bridge Company have just closed a contract to erect one of their truss bridges in the State of New Jersey, in a neighborhood where they have heretofore built several.

The new furnace of the Iron and Steel Company, Ironton, is working on half coke and half Ashland coal, and using native ore, Iron Mountain, Mo., and Crawford county, Mo., ore one-third each. She is now making 51 tons of iron per day.

The Cleveland Spring Works are running to full capacity.

Ballard, Fast & Co., of Canton, in order to fill the large demand on them for springs, have been compelled this summer to erect new shops. They will run the same with a separate engine of 100 horse-power, and there manufacture 150 pair of carriage springs daily. In the old shops, with an engine of equal power, they will manufacture daily 400 pair of seat springs, 200 reaper knives, hay knives, &c., and saws without limit, making the total business nearly a half million annually. Manufacturing in these varied lines enables them to keep busy, notwithstanding the "general depression."

The Lake Shore Mill, of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company, is running on iron rails for its Cincinnati Southern contract.

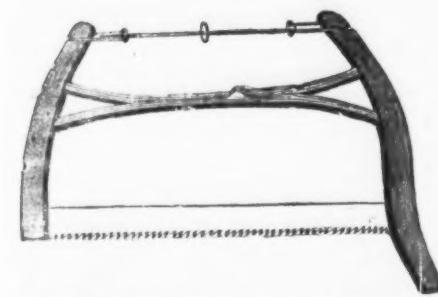
The Forest City File Works, Cleveland, A. H. Moore & Co., are furnishing large numbers of new files to the A. & G. W. Railway Company, and have an immense trade in recutting files for the various railway and other metal working establishments. They have large orders ahead for their goods.

Horner, Hamilton & Co., of Youngstown, are erecting a hoisting house for the Hinrod Furnace Company, the girders and columns of cast iron.

The Variety Iron Works, Cleveland, employ 73 hands and are doing a large business, working the shop to their utmost capacity. They have recently built three large revolving gravel heaters, with horse-power attachments, for the Cleveland Paving Company; a large water box, 60 feet long, for the Forest City Vanish, Oil and Naphtha Company; one large tank for Marsh & Harwood's acid works, besides numerous other smaller orders. The four 48-inch heating boilers for the city buildings, with elegant fronts, after a special design, have recently been set up.

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"Whatever the impression desired to be made by the merchants of Philadelphia in drawing together the representative men of these several States, it was more than fulfilled. Even those of us who had been present at the great Exposition of Vienna were astonished at the magnificence of the buildings and the immense area of the ground covered, and in preparation for the great Centennial." The *Sun*, in its description of the affair, says of the Centennial enterprise: "Under all the surrounding difficulties that have beset the enterprise, the business men of Philadelphia have shown a degree of pluck that even their neighbors of New York cannot fail to admire and add to success. Indeed, there are signs everywhere that the people of the whole country now regard the Centennial Exposition as their affair, and will come in countless thousands to insure its national as well as international characteristics." So much for the visiting guests, and now for the affair itself. It is idle, if not useless, to attempt to give an idea of the immensity of the buildings, the grandeur of their appearance, or their actualities by the use of dimensions. Figures convey to the average mind no evidence of fact, and are rarely read at all. To tell a Wall street man, or the occupant of a bank parlor, in a metropolitan city, that a building covers forty acres under single roof, is to give him a vague idea that it is simply bigger than another building somewhere else. To say that the Centennial buildings are nearly completed, to the man who was at Vienna, is to be answered with a strong, if polite, disbelief, and the addition of "Oh, yes!" A wilderness of dirt, empty boxes, and a mountain of material, to visit the buildings alone will convey anything like an adequate idea, and no better plan can be adopted by exhibitors, merchants or manufacturers, who may have to visit your city or business, than to take a look for themselves. Machinery Hall, in which the greater mass of your readers will be exhibitors, is finished, and is now seen in its grandeur, much better than it will be when occupied by machinery—as a building. Standing

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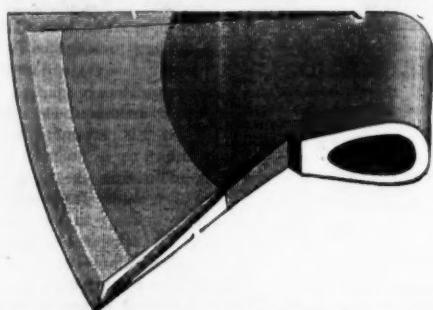
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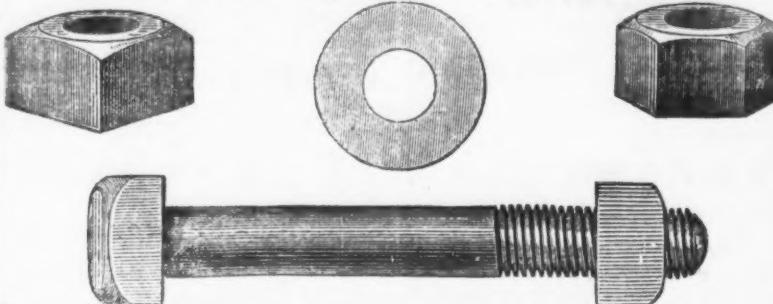
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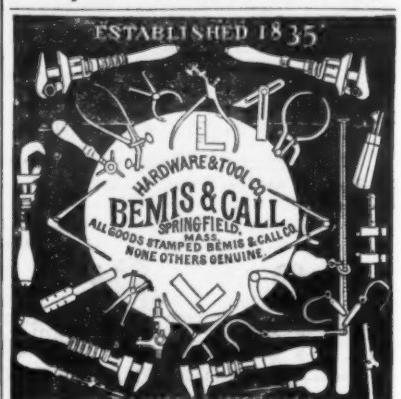
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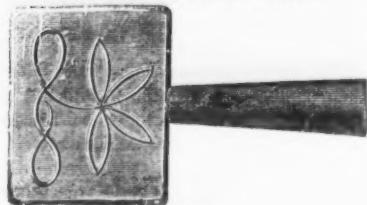
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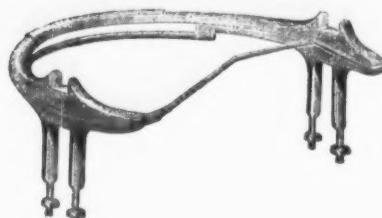
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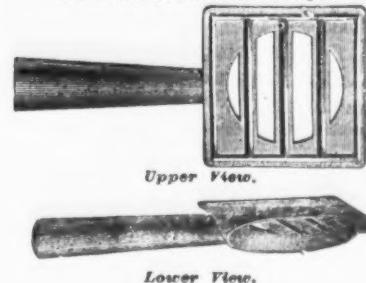
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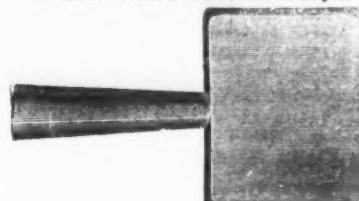
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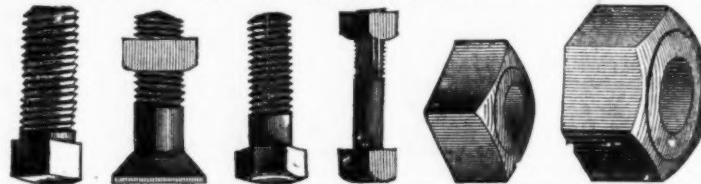
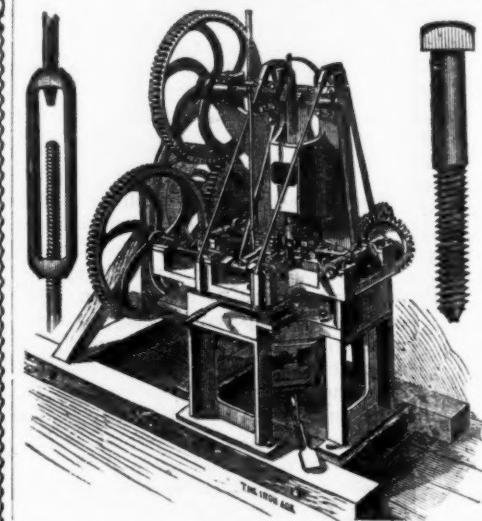
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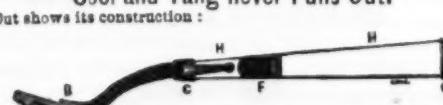
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## Labor and Wages.

The charge of Judge Orvis to the jury impaneled to try Siney and Parks, the leaders in the late riots and disturbances in the anthracite mining districts of Pennsylvania, contains many wise and practical comments on questions of interest to both workingmen and employers. We regret that our space does not permit us to quote liberally from this charge, but we make room for one passage which defines the relations of labor and capital so clearly that it should be read and considered by workingmen in all trades. We quote as follows:

Nothing can probably control the price of labor but the law of supply and demand. If work is plenty and laborers scarce they can increase their wages by demanding it, because the employer has no option. If work is scarce

and laborers plenty, competition will bring down the price of labor as it will of everything else. No class of men has the right to monopolize any particular kind of labor. Each individual has the right to engage in any kind of work that suits him, and to sell his labor for any price he can obtain for it, and a combination or organization designed to interfere with this right is against public policy and unlawful. All persons who labor for others do so upon the terms of a contract, either expressed or implied. If an agreement is made in advance as to the wages, it is an express contract; if no such agreement is made, the law implies a contract on the part of the employer to pay whatever the labor is reasonably worth, or what others are receiving for similar work. Neither the employer or employee can compel the other to pay or receive more or less than he is willing to contract for. The law gives the employer no right to impose upon the laborer, for if he is dissatisfied with his wages or his treatment he may go elsewhere or seek other employment. The whole country is open and free to him, but he must not prevent or hinder others from working who are willing to do so.

There is nothing new or original in this definition of the right's of labor, but it has the merits of simplicity and brevity, and at the same time it covers the whole ground. It is of the utmost importance to an intelligent understanding of the relations of labor to capital that the working man should appreciate the fact that society is not divided into two great antagonistic classes—capitalists and laborers. Every man who knows a trade or is able to work is as truly a capitalist as the man who owns a factory filled with costly machinery. His capital is his physical strength and his acquired skill in the performance of some useful labor. When he gains possession of shovel or a kit of tools, he has become—in a small way, of course—a capitalist who owns machinery, and is able to direct and operate that machinery in useful production. Like the larger capitalists, the workingman offers to exchange services of one kind for those of another. He may demand what he likes in exchange for his services, but his demand does not determine their value. The large capitalists is at liberty to charge a dollar for the service he renders in converting a pound of pig iron into merchant bar, and may refuse, if he chooses, to render this service for a less equivalent than one dollar per pound of the finished product. But obviously no one would pay this amount for this service, so long as there are others who will render the same service for a less compensation. Were there but one puddling furnace and one roll train, and no other means of making wrought iron, the owner of so valuable a plant might ask a dollar a pound for the service of converting pig iron into merchant bar, and would undoubtedly get it. The same rule applies to the small capitalist, who calls himself a workingman. We will suppose that he is skilled as a puddler or roller, and has the physical strength to work his trade. If no other man could be had to work the single puddling furnace or roll train, he could demand half a dollar a pound, and perhaps more, for every pound of merchant bar he might make. We know a mechanic who works every day at a bench, and who has no partnership interest in his employers' business, who receives wages to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars a year, and is in no danger of losing his place. Practically, he is in the position of the supposed puddler or roller, who alone understands the business of converting cast iron into wrought iron. He is skilled in a branch of mechanical work which no other man in the country can perform so well as he, consequently his services are in such demand, and the competition among employers to obtain them is so active, that he commands the amount named. Let us suppose, however, that he were one of five hundred men in the same trade who can do this work indifferently well. Of such men there are more than are needed, consequently they are continually competing for employment, and are willing to sell their services cheap. From five to six hundred dollars a year is the average value of services in the trade in which the one man we have mentioned earns fifteen thousand dollars. Any one of the others who can do the same kind of work less skillfully, might value his services at fifteen thousand dollars a year, but obviously he could not command this price, for others as skillful as he are ready and anxious to sell their services for six hundred dollars a year. Now, it is evident, if we consider closely, that the one mechanician who earns these high wages, does not command it merely because he is skillful. A man might possess a monopoly of the skill in carving concentric ivory balls, after the manner of the Chinese artisans, and not be able to make a living in this country. No one wants his services, and a supply of anything for which there is no demand is valueless. An average blacksmith could sell his skill for more than the carver of ivory balls could command, because there is a demand for blacksmiths, and the number competing for employment is not so great as to depress the value of a blacksmith's services below the amount on which a man can comfortably support himself and his family. Thus we see that

the price of labor is determined by the same natural law which determines the value of all other commodities. When buyers are competing the seller has the advantage; when sellers are competing the advantage is with the buyer.

If these simple elementary truths could be impressed upon the minds of the workingmen, they would at once see the folly and futility of all efforts to artificially increase the value of their services. What demagogues and trade union organizations delight to call "the war of labor upon capital" is no new crusade. It began, if we remember rightly, in the fifteenth century, and has continued with more or less bitterness ever since. During this time the condition of the working classes has greatly improved, and the improvement is still going on; but it is an improvement which has taken place in spite of, and not because of, the lack of a harmony of purpose and action between employers and employed. The natural laws of trade are as immutable in their operations to-day as they were four centuries ago, and all human power cannot set them aside or suspend their operation. Labor is, and always will be, merchandise. Those who have it to sell can only get for it so much as those who are asked to buy it are willing to give. Self interest, which is equally strong on both sides, operates to protect the seller against injustice and the buyer against extortion; while the public interest demands that the exchange of services should be free. Intimidation, threats, or violence to person or property, which have for their object a disturbance of the natural relations existing between labor and capital, are crimes against society, and when they go unpunished the rule of law gives place to anarchy.

## The Metric System.

From time to time the subject of introducing the metric system into this country is brought up and canvassed, the newspapers upon the periodical appearance of the theme taking it up and publishing uncalled columns in praise of its advantages. One not familiar with the facts would naturally conclude from all this talk, in the metric system of weights and measures, a cure is to be found for all our mathematical troubles. Indeed, it seems to be very generally supposed that calculation will become a mere pastime when the new system is adopted, and we are no longer troubled with the tables of weights and measures—the bugbears of many school rooms. But notwithstanding the unqualified commendation it has received, the progress made by the system is by no means rapid, nor gratifying to its advocates. While its use has been authorized by Congress, and the scientific men of the country are employing it to some extent in their calculation, there is more or less aversion among the practical men to the adoption of any such system—an aversion, however, which makes itself more felt by passive resistance than by any direct, active opposition. Thus, in past time, among certain scale makers, there was always a decided dislike to the French system. They "hated anything decimal," not from trade dislike, but because there were extra annoyances connected with it that were by no means to be disregarded. What these are we will briefly consider.

The metric system of weights and measures is of French origin, and was first suggested in 1528. It took practical shape about 1790. It is a decimal system, in which the units of length, surfaces, solidity and weight are correlated, two data only being used, the metre and the weight of a cube of water the side of which is one hundredth part of a metre. In theory this is exceedingly simple, and when we learn that the metre is to bear a certain definite proportion to the quarter part of the meridian of Paris, it seems to have a certain relationship to a standard which is always accessible, and from which, should the metre be lost, the recovery would be easy, since the metre was to be one ten millionth part of the quadrant of the meridian of Paris. Unfortunately, the measurements were not of sufficient accuracy to be of any value, and it would be impossible to recover the measure from the arc of the meridian, hence the standard is, to speak accurately, an arbitrary one, in spite of the assertions in regard to it. While the decimal system of weights and measures presents certain advantages in the matter of calculation, it is by no means certain that general calculations are as easy as they would be with other properly devised systems. The defects of the decimal system of notation are by no means small, and its real advantage, or the one which has probably given it such a wide acceptance, is the device of place. The base of the system is regarded by many as a very unfortunate number, and could science be applied to give us a new system of notation, the result would be a really desirable improvement. While the decimal system affords great facilities for complex calculations, it is by no means the most convenient for the calculations of the store and the workshop. As a rule, each trade has a system of measures or weights best adapted to its wants, and contrived so that its calculations can be made with the minimum labor. The difficulty in the olden time was that there were no really accurate standards for the comparison of these different systems of weights and measures, and thus endless confusion resulted. Science stepped in and attempted to settle the difficulty by giving a decimal system as a substitute for all the confusion. In some respects the substitution was a good one. Unfortunately, however, the decimal system is not the best one that could be desired for an arithmetical notation, and hence in its application to weights and measures there are the same objections to it that are found in using it for calculating. It is to be noted that it is a system of special value to the man of science, and may be said to be contrived for his convenience. Yet the number of persons who employ it in a way to appreciate its advantages may be told by the hundred, while there are hundreds of thousands who use it in the small way and see only its troubles and annoyances.

One of the things urged against our ordinary system of weights and measures is their complexity and the difficulty of performing operations with them. This complexity is really a matter easily set right by an exercise of the memory or a reference to the tables themselves, and not a matter requiring thought. It is claimed, however, that the use of the decimal system will abolish all this trouble, and that the time lost in memorizing the tables will be saved. In a considerable experience in schools and teaching we have uniformly found that there were as many, if not more, mistakes

made in decimal fractions and the like than in the so called exercises in reduction, and in decimals there was nothing to which reference could be made to check errors. Errors in the use of the decimal point are exceedingly common among all classes of persons after leaving school, and usually these errors are of a nature to escape detection by the persons themselves. Every one is supposed to be able to multiply and divide, but the theory of decimal fractions is generally a matter passed lightly over in school education.

Decimal notation has not been successfully applied to time, to the division of the circle, nor to the arrangement of music. A lecturer in this city, not a great while ago, gave a very amusing description of the attempt made by an orchestra to play a piece of music with ten half notes to the measure. The failure was, of course, complete. In the workshop the use of the metric system is not convenient, for, while the measure does not readily come into a size convenient for the pocket, the divisions are either too large or too small to make measurements of the most convenient character. Practically, a variety of tables are needed. For example, the metal worker has two systems of measurements known as the Birmingham and American wire gauge. This has been the outgrowth of necessity, and if the decimal system be adopted we shall, doubtless, have various other systems of measurement used for convenience in various arts and trades. In the store and workshop the half, quarter, third, eighth and sixteenth are constantly recurring fractions, and in these the decimal system of weights and measures is confessedly weak, a large part of the most commonly used fractions being represented by repeating decimals, and others by a considerable number of figures. It is probably on account of the many disadvantages of this kind that the decimal system has been so slow in obtaining a foothold. On the other hand, the old tables of weights and measures are the results of long usage which carefully selected the most convenient forms and those which reduced the labors of calculation to a minimum.

We think, in spite of the very perfect form which the system has, that the science can give us one both better and more convenient, and certainly one in which the nomenclature shall be less likely occasion error. It is to-day a very difficult matter to insure correctness, for when one writes gram, which is the usual abbreviation of gramme, it is very commonly printed grain, and vice versa. The tables of the United States money is a model in this respect, and is far in advance of the French system in a practical way, yet in spite of this fact currency prices and calculations are daily made in shillings, which shows that the decimal system is not perfect, since the other method of computation, on account of greater convenience, is frequently used by a large class of small tradesmen.

## Tin and Tin Plates.

The statistical position of tin is interesting. During the nine months ended with September, there were shipped from the Straits and Australia, 12,542 tons of block tin, against 7698 tons for the same time last year. The deliveries from London this year were 10,070 tons, against 5276 tons last year. The general position of the metal on the 1st of October was as follows :

STOCK OF TIN IN EUROPE.		
Oct. 1.	Oct. 1.	Oct. 1.
1875.	1874.	1873.
Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Banca on warrants.....	235	877
" Trading Company.....	2,902	3,982
Bilston.....	919	1,010
Straits and Australian at.....	5,595	3,658
London.....	9,744	8,597
		8,943

AMOUNT OF TIN AFLOAT FOR EUROPE.		





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ers. A comparison of prices at the dates given below will be of interest:

**NEW YORK PRICES, GOLD—ORDINARY BRANDS.**  
Oct. 28, 1875. July 1, 1875. July 1, 1874.  
Charcoal Bright... \$7.37 1/2 @ 7.50 \$8.25 @ 8.50 \$10.25 @ 10.50  
Coke... 7.00 @ 7.25 7.50 @ 7.75 9.00 @ 9.50  
Coke Tin... 6.37 1/2 @ 6.62 1/2 6.75 @ 7.00 8.00 @ 8.50  
Coke Terne 6.25 @ .. 6.75 @ 7.00 7.00 @ 7.50

The recent advance in hematite pig iron and block tin in England adds one shilling per box to the cost of tin plates over there, but they had not improved that much. At the present market value in England and here we are still 50c., gold, per box below the cost of importation. Yet our dealers do not complain of a lack of demand; on the contrary, tin plates have of late sold in excess of last year at this season. What they complain of is the low price which the article is bringing, and as they hold the stock, it is difficult to explain why they do not agree upon an enhanced selling price, since what they sell cannot be replaced at the same figure. A comparison between present rates and those ruling on July 1, as per table above, shows that we have since then declined 8 per cent. Yet for Straits tin, inactive as it is, this market now commands 19 1/2 c., gold, against 18 1/2 c., gold, there, an improvement of a little over 5 per cent. Admitting that the advance in tin may have been legitimate, tin plates certainly appear unduly depressed.

#### New Publications.

**LABOR IN EUROPE AND AMERICA,** by Edward Young, Ph. D., Chief of the United States Bureau of Statistics. Government Printing Office. 864 p.

This is a work of vast labor and research, containing an immense mass of information and statistics of the rates of wages, cost of subsistence and the condition of the working classes in Great Britain, Germany, France, Belgium and other countries of Europe, and also in the United States and British America. The material contained in this work was mostly gathered during a tour through Europe by the author, who was afforded every possible facility in obtaining the necessary information. The methods employed for obtaining the figures the author has explained to us, and also the various processes by which the results were obtained. It is sufficient to say that, while we are unable to give an explanation of them here, we are perfectly convinced of their soundness in principle, as well as of the accuracy of the resulting conclusions. While the work presents an accurate view of the present condition of labor in Europe and America at the present time, the author has given a most exhaustive and exact historical account of labor from the earliest times to the present, a very large proportion of which is from original sources. Laws, trade unions, co-operative associations and numberless other matters pertinent to the subject are taken up, and, in addition to useful, valuable and new information, we have an array of figures as satisfying to the practical man as they are gratifying to the student. The minuteness of detail in all parts of the work is surprising, and this detail of figures is supplemented by letter press which makes the tables not only useful but interesting.

We cannot give a better idea of the thoroughness of the work than by mentioning some of the facts to be found under a single head. Opening at random to Scotland, we find first tables of wages embracing all the men employed in engineering works. These follow like tables of all classes of workpeople in the jute and linen factories. Ordinary mechanical operations, farm labor, and all classes of mechanical labor in another portion of the country, form the subject matter of the concluding tables, which represent almost every occupation in the country. Prices of clothing, of provisions, of dry goods, and the expenditure of workmen's families are the subjects of other sections and tables, so that a person is able to obtain a most accurate knowledge of the condition of labor in any given country, as well as all the circumstances by which it is surrounded. In addition to statistical information, there is a vast fund of general information in the shape of reports, letters and observations made by the author, and facts furnished him by different large manufacturing firms. Information concerning the condition of the working classes in Great Britain, Germany, France and Belgium is especially full, and largely compiled from information gathered by the author on the ground, and, whenever possible, verified by careful inquiry among the artisans and mechanics. Other countries are treated as fully as the available information concerning them would warrant.

The portion of the work devoted to the United States is rich in information of the most exact and comprehensive character, but it would be impossible in the brief limits of a hastily written review, to summarize its showing. The reader will notice that Dr. Young has aimed to present facts, and these only. Nowhere do we find any more detailed expression of opinion than is necessary to a clear explanation of the statistical information presented. Protectionists and free traders can both turn to the work with confidence, knowing that whatever the showing of the figures given, the aim of the author has been to set forth simply the truth. We congratulate Dr. Young on the success of this great work, which, we are sorry to say, he considers his last.

**A GRAPHIC METHOD FOR SOLVING CERTAIN ALGEBRAIC EQUATIONS,** by Prof. George L. Vose, WATER AND WAT. SUPPLY, by Prof. W. H. Corfield, M. A., of the University College, London. D. Van Nostrand, 23 Warren St., N. Y.

These two volumes form Nos. 16 and 17 of Van Nostrand's science series. The first presents diagrams by which a considerable number of algebraic equations may be solved di-

rectly. To some the methods will be both new and interesting. The second work deals largely with problems of water supply long since solved by mechanical engineers. The practical part relates almost entirely to English methods, and has little of either interest or value in this country.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION FOR THE YEAR 1874.** Government Printing Office.

Beside the usual reports of the secretary and various committees, we have a good number of interesting papers upon various scientific subjects. Laplace-Laplace, Quetelet and De La Rive open the collection. Among the more important papers are the following: "On Tides and Tidal Action," by Prof. G. E. Heilgard; "Warming and Ventilation," by Gen. Morin, and one on "A Dominant Language for Science," by Alphonse de Candolle of Geneva, Switzerland. There are many others of interest which we have not space to notice here.

#### Practical Observations Upon the Puddling Process.

BY J. M. BURTON.

(Concluded.)

In treating of the actual working in the furnace, it seems best to describe the changes as they would appear to a spectator, leaving till later the explanation of the chemical changes of each division.

For the sake of greater clearness and the convenience of reference we will divide the whole operation of the boiling process into the following heads:

1. Charging the furnace.
2. Melting the metal.
3. Cooling the bath and preparing the proper slag.
4. Action of the slag or boiling the iron.
5. Turning and balling the iron.
6. Drawing the charge.

1. Before "charging the furnace," or introducing the cold metal, the furnace should be brought to as high a heat as possible, the solid door (mentioned in the description of the external appearance of the furnace) is raised by means of the lever and chain and fastened open. Then several shovels full of squeezer cinder are scattered over the hearth, and on this the pig metal, about 500 lbs., is thrown. The metal should be cast in the center for the convenience in turning the pig, and the whole operation, although the lifting is severe, should be performed quickly, lest the furnace become too cold by the door being open so long. The fire may be levelled (coal put on) before the charging is quite finished. Finally, the door is lowered, and made firm by a bar and wedge; a lump of coal is placed in the opening of the working door, and the aperture entirely closed by a small iron plate; coal dust is placed around the bottom of both doors, to keep the air from being sucked in through the crevices.

2. Melting the metal. The furnace is now left to the care of the "helper," who must watch the flame carefully, and keep up a strong fire until he perceives the iron to be have become red-hot. This generally takes about 15 minutes, the fire having been stirred with a long rod ("poked up") several times. The plate is then taken down, the coal removed, and a crow bar inserted; all the iron should be now "turned" so as to expose to the flame the parts previously covered. This operation should be performed rapidly, as I have seen much trouble caused by the plate being down too long, although the pig bars often require much labor and no little patience from getting jammed, before they can be properly burned. At the end of this operation the fire generally requires more coal, and from my own experience I prefer throwing it on with the shovel, rather than using the fire hook, which is more apt to cake the fuel. The metal requires to be burned once more before completely melted; after that it is covered on the top with a white crust (magnetic oxide).

At the end of half or three-quarters of an hour the plate is finally cast to one side, and the helper introduces a bar first, and breaks up the lumps of metal not completely melted. A hooked bar, called a "rabbler," is then used, and the whole bath carefully tested for unmelted portions. The temperature is then lowered by shutting the damper, and putting on a good covering of coal, whilst the puddler generally takes this opportunity to clean his grate. Some iron will not, however, permit the lowering of the damper, and will only bear the cooling process which I am now about to mention under the third heading.

3. Cooling the bath and preparing the refining slag is done by casting into the liquid bath scales from the finishing rolls, which consist essentially of magnetic oxide ( $Fe_3O_4$ ); this is continued until the bath has become thick and pasty, so that the tool can only pass through it with difficulty. After the use of two or three "rabbles," it begins to grow liquid, and its characteristics must then be carefully observed—if it is reddish and runs thinly, more scales must be added, but if it is thick and white, the proper slag has been obtained.

4. Soon the slag begins to work, and large bubbles rise to the surface. The damper is now raised, so as to gradually increase the heat whilst the rabbler is exchanged for a similar tool, except with a much broader hook, called a "splasher." The helper must now work rapidly and thoroughly, with long scooping motions, so as to intermix the cinder, and get all the iron off the bottom, paying especial attention to the corners or "jams." If this is done properly the bubbles grow more frequent, emitting a small, blue flame, whilst the whole bath gradually rises until the slag begins to flow out of the working door into a small iron wagon called a "buggy." The impurities of the pig, consisting essentially of phosphorus, blow out with the slag in the form of small

black scales, which, at the furnace door, are of considerable size, and so light that I have often seen them lifted from the surface of the slag and carried up the chimney by the draft. These must all be removed with the greatest care, and at as low a temperature as is considered safe.

The puddler now takes the tool and the "boiling" fairly begins. This, as may be inferred from the name, consists in an apparent violent boiling of the entire bath, whilst small blue flames play over the surface and follow the furrows made by the tools. The slag or cinder becomes brighter and somewhat thinner, appearing of darker color further back in the furnace. The iron—or, rather, steely iron—"comes to nature," as it is called, and floats on the surface in beautiful little lumps or crystals resembling snow. The puddler, during this period, should have plenty of the refining cinder mixed with his iron, as it is much better to tap off the excess at the end of the "heat" rather than risk bringing out an imperfectly boiled product called "raw iron."

When all the iron seems to be on the surface it is best washed in the cinder, and made homogeneous by giving a rotary motion to the tool, causing the crystals to revolve and exchange place with those below. The bath grows stiffer, and the "splashers" are exchanged for the "rabbles," whilst the bottom and sides are carefully worked over to prevent portions of the iron from sticking fast, which would be of the greatest inconvenience afterward.

The temperature during the boiling must be kept at a very high point—generally as high as the furnace is capable, though the cinder may become too thin and acid to mix well with the iron. Soon all the cinder seems to have sunk to the bottom, all ebullition ceases, and then the iron is said to have "dropped," which terminates the boiling period and brings us to the fifth division.

5. The wrought iron is now robbed of its protecting cover of cinder, and lies exposed to the full action of the flame, which by this time is generally of a hot, clear, oxidizing character, and must be changed, by the addition of coal, to a reducing flame.

The helper now takes a crowbar and "turns" the iron, by inserting to the bottom of the hearth and throwing the iron on top of the other, beginning at the center, and dividing the bath into two divisions. This is repeated two or three times, whilst all particles attached to the bottom and sides are carefully removed. "Raw iron" is very apt to betray itself at this point, by being acted upon by the cinder lying on the bottom, showing bubbles of gas.

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The object of balling is to collect as quickly as possible the hottest portions and make them the nucleus of a ball as round as possible, and weighing about a hundred pounds. Two or three more are made, and rolled in the cinder which lies on the bottom. The waste caused by oxidation is very apparent whenever a ball is allowed to remain in the draft from the working door, the iron and cinder running off into the cinder below.

The fire is, therefore, carefully and quickly "levelled," or covered with a layer of fresh coal, so that no holes may give a passage for an oxidizing flame, the wedge and bar are removed, and the large tongs for the drawing out of the balls are taken down. The "buggy," which consists of a large iron ring, mounted on wheels, is placed below the furnace door, and on this ring the ball is dropped, and wheeled off to the squeezers. The character of the iron is shown most clearly by its action under the squeezers. A soft, well worked iron will yield with every motion of the iron jaw, and soon a clear cinder will flow out from all sides. The action will be similar under the puddle rolls giving at the end a long flexible bar free from cracks. A raw iron will yield less readily, and soon show more or less large gaps and cracks, from which proceed long blue flames. A raw iron will sometimes retain sufficient cinder to apparently heal these wounds, but there is generally much waste from the iron crumbling off and breaking as well under the rolls as under the squeezers. Cold iron will act very much like raw iron, though not necessarily accompanied by the blue flame, and the helper must watch the blooms (or balls), and keep them hot by raising the damper or poking up the fire.

When the charge is all drawn the cinder in the bottom is thickened, generally by the addition of squeezer cinder, the sides smoothed by splashing it against them and the hearth carefully cleaned for the next "heat." More cinders are scattered over the bottom, the pig iron thrown in and the "melting down" once more begun.

**THE CHEMICAL PHENOMENA OF THE PUDDLING PROCESS.**

As I have previously intimated, I will take each of the divisions into which I have divided the whole process, and endeavor to portray as clearly and concisely as possible the chemical changes that take place.

#### THE MELTING OF THE METAL.

Under this head we will first speak of the cinder left from the previous charge which was splashed up against the sides, and the squeezer cinder thrown in. The two cinders may be considered as bearing a strong similarity to each other in constitution, if the puddler secures them from his own balls. Squeezer cinder shows the following composition upon analysis:

	Calvert & Johnson.	Kollman.
Silica	16.53	15.32
Iron ( $FeO$ )	69.23	52.18
Phosphide of Iron	6.80	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> 22.31
Phosphoric acid	3.80	2.30

These may be considered as highly basic silicates containing much of the impurities of the pig metal, and therefore, when fused, forms an impure "refining slag."

The object of this addition to the "charge" may easily be inferred, viz., to act on the fused metal that lies on the bottom, and thereby form a more homogenous decarborization. In puddling iron, for the manufacture of rails, this addition of a refining slag is omitted, causing the iron to lie heavily on the bottom during the process, giving a product rich in carbon. If the clear cinder flowing out during the boiling could be conveniently collected, or the cinder from heating furnaces used, they would both undoubtedly be much purer, and of the same essential character ( $Fe_2SiO_4 + Fe_2O_3$ ), but I have never seen the experiment practically tested.

Another point of undoubted influence upon the iron, is the fact that the greater part of the cinder splashed against the sides fuses down again into the bath, the worst feature being that it probably occurs during the high temperature of the boiling period, when the phosphorus cannot be removed, except imperfectly, under the squeezers. These remarks are also applicable to the impurities contained in the ore used in "fixing" the furnace. The Missouri ore has an advantage almost equal to its purity, in the fact of its great solidity, and as a hematite ( $Fe_2O_3$ ) will sustain a strong heat for a long time without being renewed; for every piece of cold ore placed in the furnace absorbs a certain amount of heat, which should have been given to the metal, causing the furnace to "work cold," and producing waste, and a tendency toward a "raw iron."

We are now brought to the consideration of the action of the pig metal as it approaches the state of fusion. The first reaction is undoubtedly that of a strong oxidation of the surfaces, when brought to a red heat, increasing with the temperature. This is shown in the formation of a white crust (magnetic oxide), which is composed of three distinct divisions. Percy gives a number of analyses performed by Smith in his laboratory, which, expressed in formulae, are as follows: The outer layer is represented as  $Fe_2O_3$ ; the middle one by  $3Fe_2O_3 + 10FeO$  or  $3Fe_2O_4 + 7FeO$ ; the inner by  $Fe_2O_4 + 5FeO$ . point of highest oxidation is in the middle.

I have previously mentioned that magnetic oxide is a strong oxidizing agent, and it remains true to its character, and in time would entirely remove the carbon as CO and silicon as  $SiO_2$  without the pig metal being in a state of fusion. However, owing to the rapid melting of the metal, these reactions are comparatively unimportant in the puddle process.

#### REACTIONS OF THE METAL IN A STATE OF FUSION.

The silicon contained is first oxidized to silica ( $SiO_2$ ), by the oxygen of the air and that contained in the magnetic oxide. The silica then unites with the proto-oxide of iron to form a bi-silicate. When all the silicon has been oxidized and united with the iron, then, and only then, a further oxidation of the iron takes place, and the all important normal silicate ( $Fe_2SiO_4$ ) is formed, viz.,  $Fe_2SiO_4 + FeO = Fe_2SiO_4$ . The bi-silicate is distinguished in its physical aspect by forming a thin liquid slag or cinder of a decidedly reddish hue; in its chemical relations, as forming the essential constituent of the German *Rohschlacke* (raw slag), which corresponds to the English ferric and acid slag. The action of the ferric slag is to prevent all decarbonization of the metal, until the bi-silicate has been reduced to the lowest attainable point by the oxidation of the iron forming the normal silicate ( $Fe_2SiO_4$ ). Although the ferric slag belongs peculiarly to this period of the process, when first in a state of fusion, yet, strange as it may at first seem, the slag first formed is essentially a refining slag adapted to remove the carbon. This is owing to the presence of the magnetic oxide, formed by oxidation of the surfaces of the metals, while there has not been sufficient silicon oxidized to silica to form the bi-silicate. As the normal silicate does certainly exist at this period, it will not be out of place to compare its action with that of the bi-silicate. The normal or mono-silicate has no action in itself on the carbon, but simply is valued as a solvent of the magnetic oxide, which is rich in oxygen.

It is, indeed, true, that the ferric oxide ( $Fe_2O_3$ ) is richer in oxygen than the magnetic oxide, but not so useful as an oxidizing agent, owing to the greater fusibility of the latter, ignoring for the present the numerous other constituents, which do not essentially interfere with the action of the silicate upon the magnetic oxide. It, therefore, seems safer not to consider any chemical union between the compounds, but simply the  $Fe_2SiO_4$  holding the  $Fe_2O_3$  in a state of solution, as such. However, the magnetic oxide is considered to be reduced from  $Fe_2O_3$  to its lowest point as an oxide, and, therefore, of the constitution of  $FeO$ . Now, supposing the dissolved  $Fe_2O_3$  or  $FeO$ , to be brought in contact with the carbon still held in the fused metal, we may express the reaction very simply as follows:  $Fe_2O_3 + 4C = 3Fe + 4CO$  (a gas), or  $Fe_2O_3 + 7C = 6Fe + 7CO$ . The iron sinks into the bath to be again oxidized, whilst the 4-7 CO's escape, and are eventually burnt to CO's (carbonic acid). The importance of this reaction has been frequently mentioned, and the slag is properly named the "refining slag," which seems to be a translation of the German "garbschlacke." In chemical terms it is often described in English writings as a "ferrous and basic slag."

It is still a disputed point by what means the

silicon is oxidized, some claiming it to be due to the oxygen in the air, whilst others attribute it to that of the oxides in the slag. Mr. Wm. Siemens showed most conclusively, by experiments in his open hearth furnace, that the oxidation can take place without the aid of the atmosphere, but it is very doubtful if such is the case, as he claims, in the ordinary hand puddling process. His experiments on this subject have been so widely diffused in metallurgical writings that they are probably familiar to the reader, and do not need repetition here.

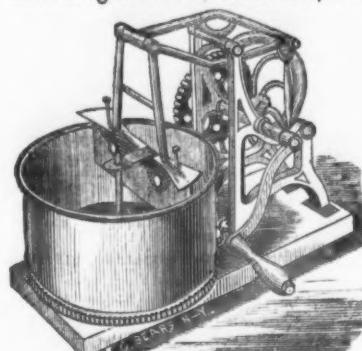
#### COOLING THE BATH AND PREPARING THE REFINING SLAG.

The most important object to be obtained in this period is the oxidation of the phosphorus, and transforming it into the slag, and, at the same time, to assist the chemical reaction in the reduction of the bi-silicate to the monosilicate with the formation of a refining slag.

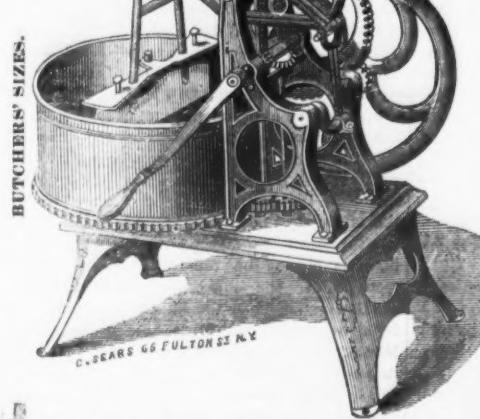
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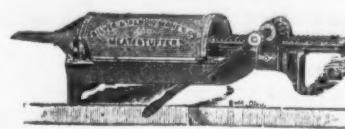
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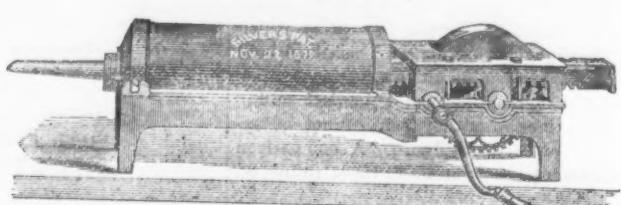
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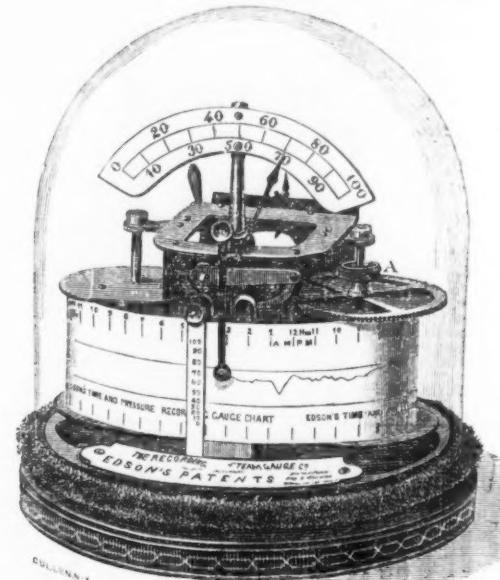
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lived, cause, nothing new to speak about; the old story of dullness sickened us long ago, and where was the sense of repeating an unchanging story? At this writing, excepting in microscopic proportions is there any beneficial change noticeable in the iron industry. At no time in the past fifteen years have so few iron furnaces been in blast in the State of Missouri. Low water in the Ohio has embargoed exports of specular or rich red iron ores; a present rise in the Ohio gives a little hope for our activity. Stocks of Missouri iron are still too large in producers' hand; strong men hold these irons, but the bottom in values is not known to be definitely reached; hence no motive exists for changing money from an active currency value, into iron that has no specific remunerative value, or a certain value that is above the hazard of costing more than it will sell for. With a slightly increased demand for both raw and finished iron at slightly declining prices, no change in this city can be noted.

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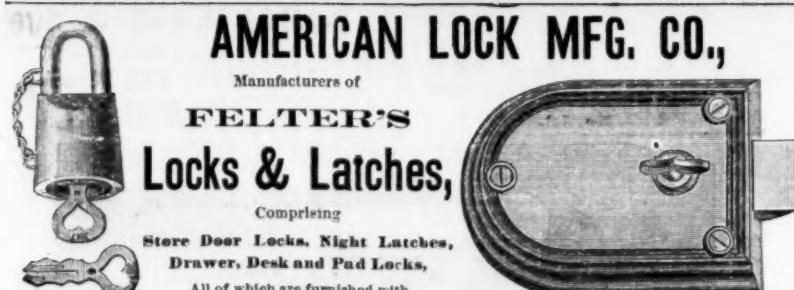
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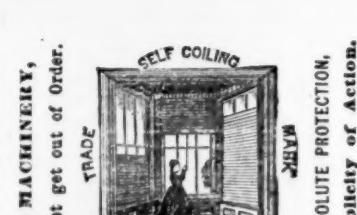
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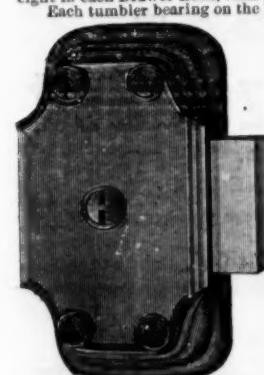
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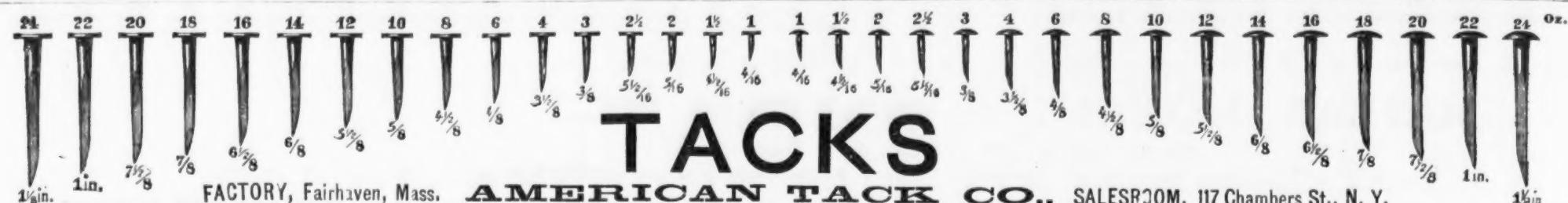
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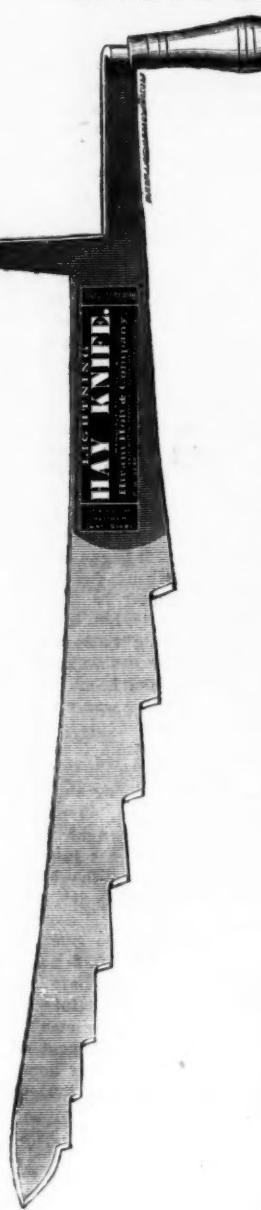
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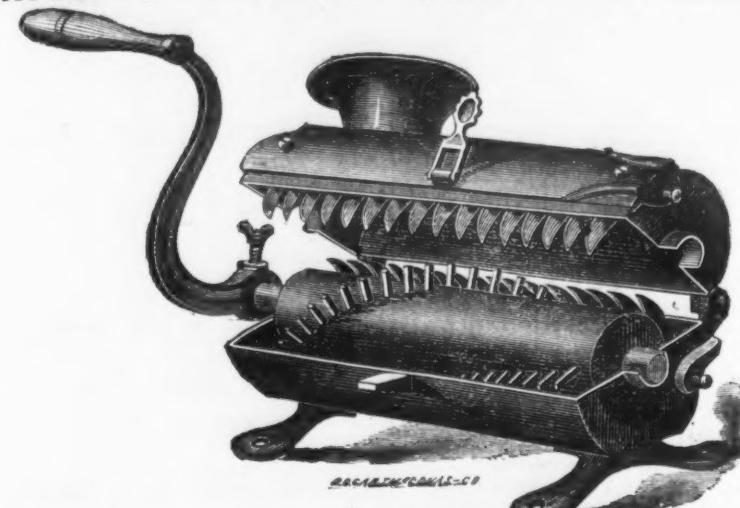
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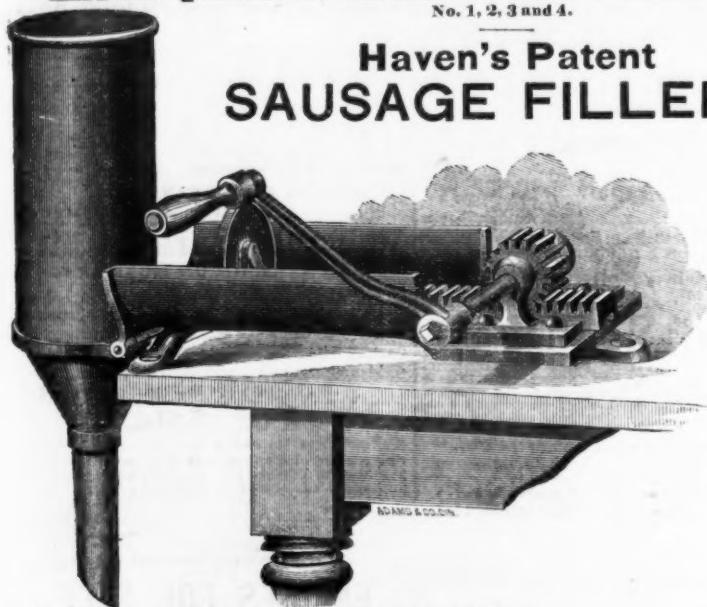
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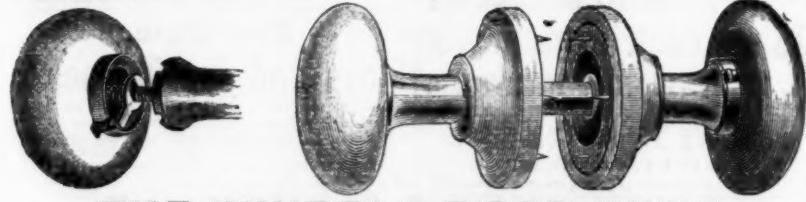
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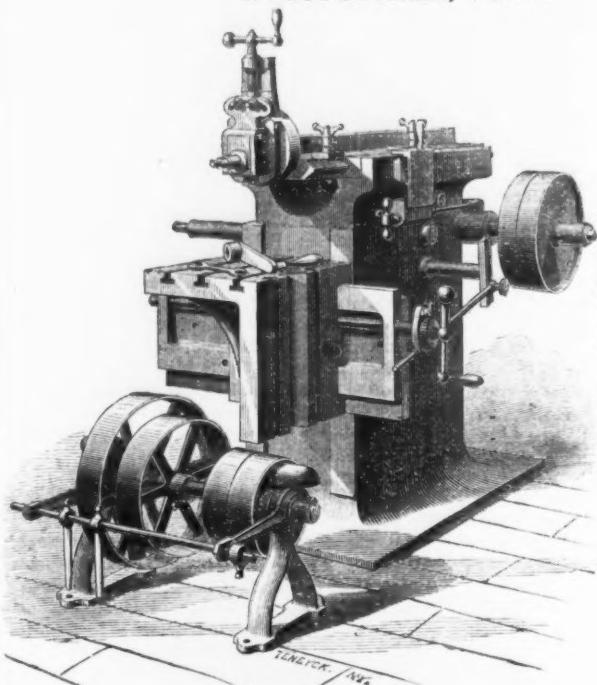
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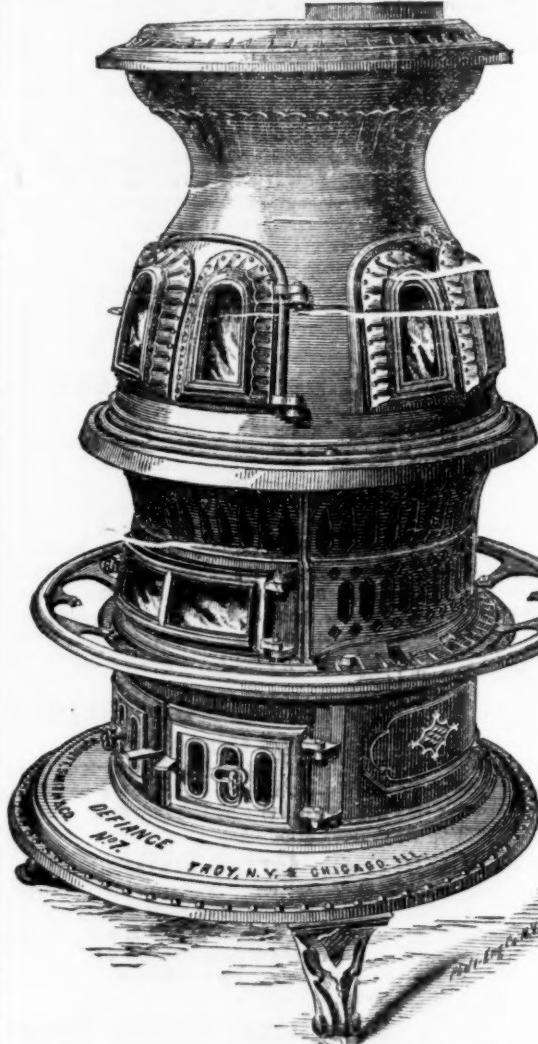


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**The Lucius W. Pond Forgeries.**

A few days ago the business community was startled by the reception of news connecting the name of Hon. Lucius W. Pond, a well known manufacturer of machinery, at Worcester, Mass., with heavy defalcations and forgeries. The Worcester Gazette, of the 19th, gives the following particulars of the sad and surprising events, which culminated in a flight from justice, if not in suicide:

Rumors began to circulate last evening that Lucius W. Pond, whose mysterious disappearance has of late so much excited this community, had been guilty of more definite violation of the law than had before been charged upon him. This morning these reports increased and took a more definite shape. It was at last asserted openly that a large portion of the extraordinary amount of paper bearing Pond's name, which has been turning up unexpectedly in every quarter to the bewilderment of the indorsers, was forged. Our reporters have traced up these reports to their source, and are prepared to show what has been ascertained. It is of a character to leave little room for doubt that Mr. Pond has been guilty of this crime against the statutes, and to show that he had reason for either flight or suicide, beyond the immense indebtedness which it was found he had piled up by promiscuous borrowing and the exchange of "accommodation paper." The suspicion of forgery rose from the fact that Mr. Pond's indorsers found coming in on them notes to the amount of double what they supposed was in circulation—notes of which they had no record and no recollection of signing. Suspicion led to investigation and experiment, and detection followed. Certain of these notes were examined with the microscope and treated with a chemical preparation. It was found, beyond a doubt, that their face had been removed and rewritten, while the indorsements were genuine. The plan was evidently this: The original notes were made payable at Mr. Pond's office, or without naming any particular bank. It thus happened that when they were paid they remained in his possession without any marks of cancellation, or anything to show that they were dead paper. It was then a tolerably easy matter to remove the writing on the face with an acid, and write in fresh dates and amounts and add Mr. Pond's own signature. The indorsements on the back were allowed to remain. In some instances only the dates were changed. In others there was a palpable alteration of both dates, time and amounts. Out of five notes examined this morning, four of them when placed under the microscope showed plainly that they had been altered in this way. Nobody knows how much of Mr. Pond's indebtedness consists of the forged paper, but it is set as high as \$100,000 by interested parties. In all these cases the loss will fall, of course, on the money lenders who have been furnishing Mr. Pond with money all this time without detecting the fraud. The indorsers of Mr. Pond will be released from a corresponding amount, and naturally feel somewhat easier. This revelation will cause astonishment and consternation among Mr. Pond's old friends, who have preferred to believe the best of him, notwithstanding the peculiar character of many of the loans which it was discovered he had obtained. It will strengthen greatly the now prevalent belief that he is still alive, and may possibly lead to renewed efforts to discover his hiding place. Mr. Pond's family will have the sympathy of the community in this new form of their calamity.

**Death of William E. Morris.**—William E. Morris, one of the best known civil engineers in Pennsylvania, died suddenly at his residence, No. 1225 Spruce street, on Friday, 23d inst. He was apparently in his usual health during the day, but was stricken down by heart disease while sitting at the tea table. Mr. Morris has been prominently identified with many of the leading canal and railroad improvements of the country. He was for many years engaged as a civil engineer on the Pennsylvania canals, while they were under the control of the Canal Commissioners. He built the Spring Garden Water Works, and was engineer of the great reservoirs and other works near Hollidaysburg for supplying the main line of the Pennsylvania Canal with water. He was president and engineer of the Germantown and Norristown Railroad in its early days, and was afterward president of the Long Island Railroad, which position he held for several years, until he was elected vice president and acting president of the New York and Harlem Railroad. On resigning this position he lived in retirement for a number of years in Germantown. He built the water works at Doylestown and Bristol, and at the time of his death was erecting water works at Wilmington Del. He was a member of the Water Commission, appointed by the Mayor last June, and whose report concerning the present and future water supply of Philadelphia has been lately published.

The bark Draco is the oldest vessel in the United States. She was built at Duxbury by Reuben and Charles Drew in 1824, and now is over 51 years old. The Draco was built in the most thorough manner and of the best materials, and if no accident occurs, may live as long in the future as she has in the past. She is 251 tons register, double deck, originally a brig, but altered into a bark in 1834. She was first employed in the freighting business, then sold to P. & C. Flint & Co. for the South American trade; next she passed to Samuel J. Bridge, Joseph Knowles and E. Tucker Osborne for the Australian trade, and was finally sold to Mr. J. Bourne, Jr., of New Bedford, for a whaler, and has long been engaged in that business. The Draco was well known in Boston 40 years ago, and was a favorite vessel with all her owners, as she was almost always fortunate in making profitable voyages for them. In 1836 the Draco, in a voyage from Valparaiso to Swansea, Wales, loaded heavily with a cargo of copper ore, passed through the Straits of Magellan, the only vessel of any considerable size that ever made the passage before that time or since.

**The Weather Signal Service in Michigan.**

The Marquette *Mining Journal* describes in characteristic style the operations of the signal bureau in the Northwest, as follows:

For illustration we will suppose that a storm strikes San Francisco, with the wind blowing directly from the westward; the velocity of the wind, with other particulars, are telegraphed by the sergeant in charge of the station directly to Washington. The Washington authorities, within 10 or 12 hours, report the storm to all stations which it is liable to reach (including, naturally enough, many stations which it never reaches at all). Now this is all very well for those places which the storm ultimately reaches, but there being no signal station west of San Francisco, a storm from that direction will always strike the Pacific coast not only without warning, but an interval of 12 to 15 hours invariably elapses before orders are received from Washington to hoist the signals—as the sergeant who first discovers the storm is never allowed to make signals without the mandate of Mr. Shoulder Straps at the national observatory. Shipping may go to the dogs, crops perish and other disasters result, because the sergeant is not, by the present red tape, circumlocutory style of management, allowed to make use of the knowledge he has gained and telegraph ahead at once in the prospective track of the tornado and anticipate its coming. There are also some minor drawbacks to the present system: If a storm is approaching from San Francisco, the sergeant at this station is ordered to hoist his signals, and if the storm passes hundreds of miles to the South of us, as is frequently the case, those vessels which have been awaiting its approach lose much valuable time—provided they rely implicitly upon the service—which we candidly believe they do not, in all cases. At this late season of the year, however, many captains would scarcely put to sea were they to be told by their cabin boy that a storm was approaching; and only last Tuesday morning a number of vessels at this port cleared after waiting between 24 and 48 hours each, for the approach of a gale, which the storm petrel warned them was meandering this way—but which never meandered. The sergeant was probably aware of the utter foolishness of maintaining the signal, but like a dutiful soldier hung the banner on the outer wall—according to orders from Washington, you know. Now, then, let us consider the position of Marquette: There is not a signal station in all the great arc of N., N. W. to N. E. beyond us, and it is well known that the most furious storms which ever visit the lake region prevail from those directions. The result is, no warning can be obtained of what is coming from those points, and a destructive tornado, blowing at the rate of from 40 to 50 miles per hour, strikes us with all its force (and considerable astonishment) as we turn the corner of the street. Our sergeant does not raise his signal, but telegraphs to Washington. When his super-royal nibs, the Sublime Porte of the signal service, receives the intelligence, he coughs slightly, slowly removes his white kifs, and, corrugating his brow, becomes lost in the profoundest scientific research—in his mind. By the time he has concluded his grave deliberations the storm has passed over Marquette, and is actively engaged in knocking the shingles out of Green Bay. Then he deliberately telegraphs our sergeant to hoist his storm petrel, and the sergeant, wishing to be respectful, "hoists away," and after going home to change his rubber overcoat for a linen duster, and his water-proof cap for a sunshade, and waiting a respectful length of time, telegraphs his superior, (?) "storm over and weather fair." In about six hours after he is enabled to do, by order from Washington, what a deaf and dumb idiot would have had sufficient sense to do (if permitted) twelve hours before—lower his signal.

**Remarkable Antiquarian Discovery.**

Professor James R. Gage, of Washington City, an eminent geologist and mineralogist, who has recently been engaged in making extensive explorations regarding the works of the ancient mound builders, reports the discovery of a very remarkable wall in Claiborne county, eighteen miles east of Port Gibson, Mississippi. The discovery has been incidentally mentioned in several papers within the course of a few days, but they do not appear to have realized a title of its antiquarian and archaeological interest and importance. We condense the particulars of the discovery from the Professor's statement in the *Washington Republican*. It appears that blocks of the stone have been taken by the farmers for building purposes for many years, and it has formed a general quarry for furnishing large blocks of stone. But the farmers have never, it seems, been aware of the antiquarian importance of this wall, which is claimed to be coeval with or anterior to that of Hadrian's famous wall in England. Professor Gage employed laborers and uncovered a portion of the wall twenty feet in width and a hundred and seventy-five feet in length; but on removing the soil here and there he traced it six hundred feet. The workmen uncovered the wall to a depth of six feet, but lower than this the excavations were not continued. Large forest trees of pine and oak, several hundred years old, are growing on top of the wall. The blocks are limestone and belong to the tertiary formation. They were hewn out of this formation and are three feet in length, twenty inches in width and twenty-two inches in thickness. One of these blocks has been shipped to Philadelphia for the Centennial. The wall from which it was taken forms two sides of a rectangle, one part running east and west and the other north and south. The excavations were made near the angle. Three miles due south from this point another portion of the wall reappears on the

banks of Bayou Pierce, owing to the washing out of the creek, making it a large exposure, and it is therefore judged that this is a continuation of the ancient wall. The wall was built on the side of a ridge overlooking a swamp which, in ancient times, was evidently the bed of a lake, and the inference is that the wall was erected by the ancient occupants as a barrier against an enemy, or possibly as an ancient levee or dyke erected for the protection of the inhabitants against the encroachments of the lake or the waters of the Mississippi. From other evidences of the wide extent of this wall, as described by Professor Gage, it appears that it included a large area of land, covering probably four hundred square miles, and extending to the Mississippi River. The locality where the wall exists is in the neighborhood of the Natchez Indians, who were found in a state of considerable civilization when first visited by the French, and these remains, it is conjectured by Professor Gage, had some connection with the occupation by the warlike ancestors of this interesting and famous tribe.—*Pittsburgh Commercial*.

**The Cleveland (Ohio) Breakwater.**

Work upon the new breakwater at Cleveland, Ohio, will be begun within a few days on the shore end of the western portion of the works. Two parallel lines of piling will be driven from the shore, some 200 feet west of the old river bed, for a distance of 1000 feet into the lake, and at right angles to the shore; these piles will be driven as closely together as possible, the two lines being 12 feet apart. The piles will be driven to stand seven feet above the surface of the lake, fastened together by longitudinal timber bolted thereto, and the tops will be covered with heavy timbers, also bolted to the piling, making passage way 15 feet wide. Beyond the piling, extended 1400 feet further into the lake, and from thence in a northeasterly direction for 4800 hundred feet, the extreme end being 300 feet in a direct line from the head of the west pier, a series of cribs will be sunk. These cribs are to be 50 feet long by 22 wide, sufficiently high to allow of their being sunk to the bottom of the lake and extending seven feet above the surface. They will be built on shore, of heavy timbers bolted and held by iron rods, then floated to their proper place, filled with broken stone and sunk as closely together as possible, after which heavy stone will be sunk on either side, to aid in holding them in place; the top of the cribs will be covered with timbers in a manner similar to that on the piles. The wall will be continuous from the shore to its extreme outer end, the only opening being the space, 300 feet in width, between the end of the west pier and the end of the breakwater.

It is the intention of the engineer to carry on the work during the winter months, using the ice, as soon as it forms of sufficient strength, as a means of conveying material into the lake. It is expected that the work can be completed in four years, and the estimated cost is one and three-quarter million dollars.

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3 Complete Circular Saw Mills, \$330, \$380 and \$310; 2 Patent Saw Mill Set Works, \$80 each; Up and Down Saw Mill, with 34 in. Whitney Wheels, \$360; "Perry" Shingle Mill and Jointer, \$155; Shingle Mill, \$55; Lath Sawing Machine, 3 Saws, \$185; 26 in. double belted Rotatory Bed Planer, \$240; 24 in. Rotatory Bed Planer, \$170; 16 in. Planer, \$90; Daniels' Planer, 28 ft. x28 in., \$175; 2-3 side "Rogers" Molder, \$325; No. 2-4 side "Lee" Molder, \$520; Sash and Blind Sticker, 1 side—\$115; No. 2 Smith Power Mortiser, \$135; No. 2 Smith Tenoner, \$175; Smith Blind Stile Borer, \$63; 2 Small Boring Shafts and Bits, \$16 each; Box Board Matcher, \$40; Iron Frame Blanchard Spoke Lathe, \$225; Felloe Machine, \$50; Stretching Machine, \$75; Cut-off Saw Arbor and 20 in. Saw, \$16. Shoe Peg Machinery as follows: Sawing and Heading Machine, with 36 in. taper-ground Saw, \$135; Baldwin Pointer, 8 rolls, good as new, \$137; Baldwin Splitter, with ratchet feed, \$40; Boring Lathe for cutting out knots, \$25; Bleaching Furnace and Fan, 18 in., \$35; Steam Dryer and fixtures (new), containing over 600 ft. % in. Pipe, copper covered, made in the most thorough manner, 35 Bushel size, \$375; Screens, good order, \$37. The seven Machines for \$740, if wanted by one person.

**Engines in Good Order.**

as follows: 60 h. p. Sta. hor., \$1100; 40 h. p. Sta. hor., \$740; 50 h. p. "Chubbuck," \$1200; 40 h. p. Upright, \$700; 2-35 h. p. Portables, \$1500 and \$1400; 30 h. p. Portable, \$1270; 3-25 h. p. Portables, \$1475; \$1525 and \$1300; 25 h. p. Sta. hor., \$625; 2-18 h. p. Portables, \$1000 and \$850; 10 h. p. Upright Hoisting, \$610; 8 h. p. Sta. hor. (with Boiler), \$525; 6 h. p. Portable, \$475; 3-5 h. p. Portables, \$445, \$275 and \$250; 3 h. p. Caloric, \$250; 2-1/2 h. p. Sta. (with Boiler), \$300; 1 (new)—1-1/2 h. p. Portable, \$185.

**Boilers in Good Repair and Complete.**

80 h. p. Hor. \$1000; 2-60 h. p. Hor., each \$425; 4-50 h. p. Hor., each \$500; 1-45 h. p. Hor., \$700; 12 h. p. Upright, \$500; 10 h. p. Upright, \$176.

**Grist Mills.**

1-36 in. "Platt" Portable, \$220; 1-30 in. "Platt" Portable, \$200; 1-24 in. "Olds" Portable (new stones), \$237; One Run Stone, 4½ ft. diam., \$50; or same with curb, hopper, elevator and pulleys, \$68; 1 Run, 4½ ft., French Burrs.

**Machine Tools, Good Order.**

Planer 12 ft. x26 in. x32 in., \$800; Planer 7 ft. x24 in. x24 in., \$400; Crank Planer, 2 ft. bed, 14 in. stroke, \$345; Upright Spliner, 5 in. stroke, \$90; New Milling Machine, platen 15x8, \$387; Putnam 24 in. Gear Cutter, \$500; Upright Drill, 52 in. swing, \$325; Datto, 56 in. swing, \$250. Engine Lathes as follows: 1 (new) 25% ft. bed, 36 in. swing, \$1550; 16 ft. x31 in. swing, \$600; 15½ ft. x30 in., \$630; 12½ ft. x30 in., \$500; 16 ft. x24 in., \$240; 12 ft. x24 in., \$425; 9 ft. x15 in., \$240; 6 ft. x15 in., \$230; 8 ft. x17 in., \$215. Double headed: 15 ft. x20 in., 11 ft. x12 in. and 16 ft. x20 in., \$350; 15½ ft. x20 in., \$250; 8 ft. x20 in., \$220; 5 ft. x14 in., \$195; 5 ft. x15 in., \$210; 8 ft. x17 in., \$240; 6 ft. x17 in., \$225; 4 ft. x9 in., \$140. Speed or Drill Lathes as follows: 5 (new) 6 ft. x12 in., each \$75; 6 ft. x13 in., \$50; 2 ft. x9 in., \$55; 3 ft. x8 in., \$35; 5 ft. x18 in., \$75; 6 ft. x14 in., \$50. New "Oneida" make of Chucks: 24 in., \$105; 15 in., \$50, and 12 in., \$42; No. 4 Wiley & Russel Power Bolt Cutter, \$170; 1-7 ft. Helve Iron frame Trip Hammer, \$150; 1 Japanning Oven, \$20.

**Miscellaneous.**

1 Horse Power, with wood sawing rigging, \$165; Hydraulic Presses and Pumps, weighing \$165; Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

**BISSELL, WELLER & MILLET,** Auctioneers.

**Special Notices.**

**Important to Cash Buyers.**

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 26 and 27, we shall hold, at our Sales Room, No. 15 Murray street, our third and last fall trade sale of Hardware, Cutlery, Guns, &c., of the season. This will comprise our usual well-assorted line of goods adapted to the trade—mostly direct from manufacturers and well worthy the attention of close buyers for cash.

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**Special Notices.**

**Bargains in Machinery  
NEW AND SECOND-HAND,**

FOR SALE BY

**S. C. FORSAITH & CO.,  
MANCHESTER, N. H.**

**New Machinery.**

Excelsior Machine, \$275; Power Matcher and Jointer, \$250; Shingle Mills and Jointers, \$285; 30 in. heavy Rotatory Bed Planer, \$650; 26 in. Rotatory Bed Planer, \$235; 24 in. Planer, \$190; Woodworth Planer and Matcher No. 3, \$1000; Woodworth Planer and Matcher No. 0, \$760; Woodworth Planer and Matcher No. 23, \$840; Excelsior Planer and Matcher, \$410; Woodworth Surfaces, \$45; 3 Side Monitor Molder, \$325; 4 Side Molder "Balls," \$360; 4 Side Sash Molder, \$208; 3 Side Sash Molder, \$140; "Ball's" Rail Car Mortiser and Borer, \$440; Door Mortiser and Borer, \$175; 2 No. 4 Wood Frame Tenoners, each \$240; Blind Stile Tenoners, \$80; Hor. Rail Car Borer, \$80; 20 in. Hand Boring Machines, each \$4; Wright Scroll Saw, \$115; Rollstone Scroll Saw, \$90; Iron Frame Band Saw, \$150; 20 in. Pattern Makers' Lathe, \$100; 24, 20 and 12 inch Wood Turning Lathes, \$96, \$87 and \$60; Boring Machine "Ball's," \$88; No. 3 Dowel Rod Machine, \$24; Hor. Cornering Machine, \$45; Cylinder Stave Saw Machine, \$175; Iron Frame Railway Cut-off Saw, \$92; Box Board Matcher, \$

# Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Oct. 27, 1875.

The past week has been one of great excitement in the financial markets, and prices have fluctuated through a wider range than for many weeks past. The money market has gained considerable firmness, and borrowers on call have paid 5 @ 6 per cent. On prime business paper the discount rate is still 6 @ 7 per cent. The aggregate averages of the national banks compare as follows for the past two weeks:

Oct. 16.	Oct. 23.	Differences.
Loans.....	\$284,529,700	\$280,584,500 Dec. \$3,945,000
Specie.....	6,389,200	6,406,800 Inc. 17,400
Legal tend's.....	56,495,400	54,702,900 Dec. 1,792,500
Deposits.....	228,698,800	223,471,700 Dec. 5,227,100
Circulation.....	17,812,800	17,816,300 Inc. 3,500

In the gold market there has been an increase in the supply of cash coin, in consequence of which the premium has tended steadily downward. On Thursday the Treasury sold \$1,000,000 at 115 1/4 @ 116 1/2. The following table shows the daily range of the premium:

Thursday.	Lowest.	Highest.
Thursday.....	116 1/4	115 1/4
Friday.....	116 1/4	115 1/4
Saturday.....	115 1/4	114 1/4
Monday.....	116 1/4	114 1/4
Tuesday.....	115 1/4	115 1/4
Wednesday.....	116	115

The market for government bonds is strong and steady, and prices have moved in close sympathy with gold. Railroad mortgages are generally strong, but investment securities are mostly without feature of general interest. We give the closing quotations of governments.

In the stocks speculation has been active, and though irregular, the market has been strong. The principal dealings have been in Lake Shore, Pacific Mail, Western Union and Northwest. Below will be found the quotations of active shares at the close of business to-day.

The following tables show the movements in foreign trade for the week:

IMPORTS.	1873.	1874.	1875.
Total for week.....	\$5,830,093	\$4,760,918	\$3,767,055

Prev. reported.....	348,113,830	322,654,331	272,841,595
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Since Jan. 1.....\$33,943,923 \$327,915,349 \$276,717,630

Among the imports of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

Brass goods.....	Quant.	Value
Bronzes.....	11	\$1,438
Chains and anchors.....	36	9,693
Copper.....	9	963
Cutlery.....	71	16,591
Guns.....	63	9,261
Hardware.....	25	2,907
Iron.....	151	1,989
Iron, sheet, tons.....	226	39,953
Iron, cotton ties.....	1,428	2,668
Iron tubes.....	8	202
Iron, other tons.....	155	11,188
Lead, pigs.....	3,191	19,799
Metal goods.....	101	19,507
Nails.....	2	3,461
Needles.....	9	5,541
Old iron.....	3	3,831
Platina.....	1	3,574
Per. caps.....	8	2,397
Saddlery.....	6	1,516
Steel.....	1,409	22,568
Tin boxes.....	5,626	36,490
Tin, 700 slabs.....	7,458	9,420
Wire.....	380	9,420
Zinc.....	179,147	11,208
EXPORTS OF SPECIE.		
Total for the week.....	\$606,314	
Previously reported.....	10,227,396	
Total since January 1, 1875.....	\$10,885,610	
Same time in 1874.....	5,284,944	
Same time in 1873.....	12,761,087	
Same time in 1872.....	5,301,901	

The statistics of imports and exports for the nine months ended with September compare as follows with those of the three preceding years, specie not being included in the comparison:

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE FOR NINE MONTHS ENDING SEPT. 30.

Domestic Goods.....	Foreign Goods.....	Total.....
\$392,325,927	\$9,708,814	\$402,034,741
447,359,828	14,895,063	462,254,890
493,743,333	507,013,945	990,757,278
47,702,871	12,441,645	49,454,516

The specie movement has been as follows:

First 9 mos. of 1875.....	First 9 mos. of 1874.....
\$16,411,883	\$10,892,190
69,316,425	51,782,850
\$55,984,537	\$40,960,660

To compare evenly the gross imports, specie included, with the gross exports, also including specie, it is necessary to have the domestic portion of the exports reduced to gold value; this reduction is made by the Bureau of Statistics, and enables us to make the following comparison:

For the Nine Months.....	1875.....	1874.....
Imports indec.....	\$394,304,555	\$442,230,400
Imports specie.....	16,411,888	10,892,190
Total imports.....	\$414,720,443	\$453,066,590
Decrease.....	38,368,147	

Total imports.....

Imports domestic goods.....

Specie value.....

Do foreign goods.....

Do specie.....

Total exports.....

Decrease.....

RECAPITULATION.

1875.....

Imports.....

Exports.....

Excess of exports.....

These figures show the shrinkage in our foreign trade during the expired part of the second year succeeding the great panic. Domestic trade during the past season has shown a marked recovery, and there is reason to believe that the point of greatest depression in the foreign trade has been reached.

Government bonds at the close were quoted as follows:

U. S. Currency 6's.....	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 6s 1861, reg.....	123 1/2	123 1/2
U. S. 6s 1861, con.....	122 1/2	123
U. S. 5-20 1862, reg.....	115 1/2	—
U. S. 5-20 1864, reg.....	115 1/2	115 1/2
U. S. 5-20 1865, reg.....	115 1/2	116 1/2
U. S. 5-20 1865, C.C.L.....	115 1/2	119 1/2
U. S. 5-20 1865, reg. new.....	115 1/2	119 1/2
U. S. 5-20 1865, con.....	115 1/2	119 1/2
U. S. 5-20 1867, reg.....	110 1/2	121
U. S. 5-20 1867, con.....	110 1/2	121
U. S. 5-20 1868, reg.....	121	121
U. S. 5-20 1868, con.....	121	121
U. S. 5-20 1869, reg.....	116	116
U. S. 10-40 1869, reg.....	117	117
U. S. 5s 1881, reg.....	117	117 1/2
U. S. 5s 1881, con.....	117	117 1/2
Central Pacific gold bonds.....	104 1/2	105 1/2

The latest sales and closing quotations were as follows:

Atlantic & Pacific Preferred.....	Bid.	Asked.
Chicago & Northwestern.....	42 1/2	42 1/2
" " Pref.....	37 1/2	37 1/2
Chicago Rock Island and Pacific.....	103 1/2	103 1/2
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.....	111 1/2	111 1/2
Col. Ch. & Ind. Cent.....	51 1/2	51 1/2
Chicago & Alton.....	96	96
Consolidated Coal.....	103 1/2	103 1/2
Canton.....	40	40
Del. Lack. and Western.....	118 1/2	118 1/2
Delaware & Hudson Canal.....	120 1/2	121
Adams Express.....	101	102
American Express.....	57 1/2	58 1/2
United States Express.....	44	44 1/2
Wells, Fargo & Co. Express.....	78	79
" " Pref.....	18 1/2	18 1/2
Harlem.....	131	132
Hannibal & St. Joseph.....	19 1/2	20 1/2
" " Pref.....	23	25
Illinois Central.....	94	94 1/2
Kansas Pacific.....	10	10
Michigan Central.....		

Freights from the above shipping ports to New York city are as follows, including the unloading:

Hoboken ..... 40 Rondout ..... 50  
Weehawken ..... 40 Elizabethport ..... 40  
Port Johnston ..... 40 South Amboy ..... 45

We quote as follows: Anthracite, \$4.95 @ \$6.10; Cumberland, \$6.25 @ \$6.75; West Virginia, \$6.75 @ \$8; James River Steam, \$6.25; James River Carbonite, \$9 @ \$9.50; Kanawha House, \$11.50; American Gas, \$6.75 @ \$7.25; American Canal, \$12 @ \$14; Pennsylvania and Westmoreland, \$6.75; Murphy Run, \$6.50; Newburgh Orel, \$6.50; Sterling Ohio, \$10; Ince Hall, \$17 @ \$18; Liverpool House Canal, \$17; Liverpool Gas, \$12; Newcastle Gas, \$7; Scotch, \$7.50 @ \$8.

The Coal transported over the Cumberland Branch Railroad during the week ending Oct. 23, 1875, amounted to 6101 tons, as against 5057 tons shipped in the corresponding period of last year, showing an increase of 1044 tons. Over the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, for the same period, the shipments were 40,364 tons, against 43,360 tons shipped in 1874, a decrease of 2996 tons. The aggregate amount of Cumberland Coal shipped by the various companies so far this year amounts to 1,915,873 tons.

#### OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, &c.

Business in Old Metals is very dull. There is no special demand for anything in that line, and stocks are consequently accumulating. The market for Rags and Paper Stock is beginning to show signs of activity. Canvas Cotton No. 2, and Mixed Woolens, are in good demand, and prices are firm. We have no change to note in any of our quotations under this heading, which are the purchasing prices that are offered by dealers:

**Old Metals.**—Copper, 16c. @ 17c. per lb.; Yellow Metal, 11c.; Bars, 10c. @ 12c.; Composition, heavy, 13c. @ 14c.; Lead, solid, 54c.; Tea Lead, 44c.; Zinc, 44c. @ 45c.; Pewter, 5c. @ 18c. do., No. 2, 8c. @ 12c.; Spelter, 5c. @ 54c.; Wrought Iron, 1c.; Sheet, 5c. @ 4c.; Cast, do., 5c.; Machinery, do., 5c.

**Rags, &c.**—Canvas, Linen, 4c. @ 5c. @ do. Cotton, No. 1, 54c. @ 61c.; No. 2, 24c.; White, No. 1, 64c.; No. 2, 4c.; Colored, do., 2c. @ 24c.; Mixed, Woolen, 2c. @ 3c.; Soft, do., 5c. @ 54c.; Gunny Bagging, 14c.; Jute Butts, 14c. @ 2c.; Kentucky Bagging, 3c.; Book Stock, 3c.; Waste Paper and Scraps, 14c.; Kentucky Bale Rope, 4c.; Oakum, Junc., No. 4, 44c. @ 5c.; do. No. 2, 3c.; Tarred Shaking, 1c. @ 14c.; Grass Rope, 3c. \*

#### PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26, 1875.

The season approaches to the close of canal navigation, and whatever of activity there is in the Iron market is due to this, although it has not yet amounted to any very material increase of the trade in Pig Iron. About 10,000 tons a week will cover the transactions in Pig Iron in this market at present, although there are, of course, very many sales of small lots which are never reported. The actual product continues to average about the same, although some new furnaces are blowing in. The output will not be materially increased before spring, it is thought, nor will prices materially alter, although a spurt of business would follow any threatening of ice, and possibly advance prices \$1 or \$2 per ton. Ores are very low, compared to Pig metal, as are Bars, and both producers of the one and manufacturers of the other complain of this. Manufactured Iron is nominally the same, but actually a little better than at our last. Rails sell freely, and have more inquiry than anything else. Old Rails and Muck, as well as Scrap, are all quiet. There is a report of trouble with puddlers at hand here; as however the principal mills have constant trouble with puddlers, it is not likely to curtail production, although wages will be lowered and a strike may come at any time, and would, indeed, be rather beneficial than otherwise to the Bar mills.

The range of prices is somewhat difficult to quote, for, while some furnace companies refuse the idea of \$25 for No. 1, others sell actually under this, and relative quotations for other grades. We quote as follows:

**Pig Iron.**—No. 1 Foundry, \$25; No. 2, \$22; Gray Forge, \$21 to \$22.

**BARS.**—2c. to 27c. per lb.

**RAILS.**—\$45 to \$50, at works, for Iron; \$70 to \$71, at works, for Steel.

**OLD RAILS.**—\$26 to \$26.50.

**SCRAP.**—\$29 to \$32.

The sales include, among others, the following, viz.: 3000 tons No. 1 extra, 2200 tons No. 2 extra and 2000 tons Gray Forge. Note sale of 6000 tons new Rails for Western delivery, made by Penn Mill, private terms; 1000 tons light Rails, 30s and 35s, at quotations; 1000 tons Old Rails, at \$26, delivered; 400 tons No. 1 Wrought Scrap, equal \$29; 100 tons No. 1 Wrought Scrap, equal \$32. Several large orders for new Rails, both for Western and tide-water delivery, are now pending, which will be closed probably this week.

#### PITTSBURGH.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 23, 1875.

The market remains in much the same condition noted from week to week for some time past. There has been no improvement to report during the past week, and while hopes are still entertained that there will soon be a change for the better, the outlook at the present writing is not very encouraging. Owing to recent suspensions, sellers are exercising more caution than heretofore, and buyers who are considered doubtful, and who at one time could obtain all the Pig they wanted on credit, will now have to plough down the cash. The demand, however, continues very light, being restricted entirely to small lots for keeping up mixture, and the indications are that this hand-to-mouth policy will be closely adhered to for some time to come, as the mills, in the present unsatisfactory and depressed condition of affairs, will buy no more than they can possibly afford. Prices have undergone no recent change, although the general position of the market is favorable to buyers, and but for the fact that the stock of Mill Iron is very much reduced, and the production down lower than it has been for several

years, the shrinkage in value would have been greater than it has been. There has been an increased movement in Charcoal Foundry Irons within the past week or two, and as the most of the sales reported were on private terms, it is but fair to infer that the rates were low. Furthermore, it is almost certain that buyers would not have bought so liberally had not some inducement been offered, as some of them have been induced to anticipate future wants.

#### QUOTATIONS.

No. 1 Foundry ..... \$26 @ 27c. — 4 mos.  
No. 2 Foundry ..... \$24 @ 25c. — 4 mos.  
Gray Forge ..... \$23 @ 24c. — 4 mos.  
White and Mottled ..... \$21 @ 22c. — 4 mos.  
Hot Blast Charcoal ..... \$25 @ 23c. — 4 mos.  
Cold Blast Charcoal ..... \$20 @ 23c. — 4 mos.

**MANUFACTURED IRON.**—The general situation remains substantially as noted in my last report; trade continues dull and unsatisfactory, orders are coming forward sparingly, and prices continue unsettled and unremunerative. Negotiations are now pending with a view to reducing the cost of manufacture, by curtailing the cost of puddling, rolling, etc., etc. and if unsuccessful the mills will be continued in operation, but if the men refuse to accede to the reduction, a general suspension, for a time, is probable. It is likely, however, that the master will be amicably arranged, as the puddlers and rollers appear to realize the situation, and they will doubtless submit to a reduction in preference to being thrown out of employment with winter fast setting in. There is no question but the mills have been losing money right along, as prices for ordinary sizes do not cover actual cost, and as there is no chance, in consequence of a strong competition, to put up rates, the only alternative is to reduce the cost of manufacture; and, as already stated, steps with this object in view have been taken.

**NAILS.**—There are still some orders coming forward, but trade is dull, unusually so for this season of the year, but few, if any, of the factories are working more than half time. There are not sufficient orders to absorb a full production, and manufacturers are determined not to accumulate stock in the present condition of affairs. Prices may be quoted at \$2.95 to \$2.90, 60 days, with two per cent. discount off for cash. Horse Shoes have been dull, but an increased trade is expected, 44c. cents cash. Mule Shoes, 5c. cents.

**SCRAP IRON.**—Continues very dull; dealers report that there is not enough doing to establish quotations. No. 1 Railroad Wrought Scrap quotable, nominally, at \$1.30 to \$1.40. Car Wheels very dull; offering at \$24. 4 months, with no buyers. There was a sale of good mixed Scrap the other day at 14c. delivered. A great deal of the Scrap in the yards of dealers could not be sold to cover cost.

**STEEL.**—The Steel mills are all in operation, and business is holding on better than was expected, but in this, as in every other branch of business, it is complained that prices are unremunerative.

The Pittsburgh Commercial of Oct. 23, says: The sales of pig metal reported below show a little more activity than last week, but also indicate that only small lots are required for immediate use, and lots offered (because of inferior grade or quality) at a low price find purchasers. It cannot be said that there is any improvement in price, but it is evident that holders of standard quality red short metal that does not contain an excess of mill cinder or low grade ore are very firm at \$24. 4 months, and well satisfied that they will obtain that price or more by holding on a few weeks longer. We are reporting the following sales:

**METUMINOUS COAL SMELTED FROM LAKE SUPERIOR ORE.**

200 tons gray forge ..... \$31.00 — 4 mos.  
200 tons gray mottled ..... 20.00 — 4 mos.  
100 tons gray forge ..... 22.25 — 4 mos.  
100 tons gray forge ..... 22.00 — 4 mos.  
50 tons gray forge ..... 21.00 — 4 mos.  
50 tons neutral forge ..... 23.00 — 4 mos.  
50 tons neutral forge ..... 23.50 — 4 mos.  
40 tons gray forge ..... 23.50 — 4 mos.  
20 tons No. 1 foundry ..... 27.00 — 4 mos.

#### CONNELLVILLE COKE.

200 tons close mottled and white ..... private terms.  
30 tons No. 2 foundry ..... \$24.00 — cash.  
10 tons No. 1 foundry ..... 25.00 — 4 mos.

#### ALLENTOWN COKE.

300 tons gray forge ..... \$21.50 — cash.  
150 tons, a mixed lot ..... private terms.

#### CHARCOAL.

110 tons No. 2 h. r. ..... private terms.  
60 tons No. 2 h. r. ..... private terms.  
25 tons No. 1 h. r. ..... private terms.  
10 tons No. 1 h. r. ..... \$28.00 — 1 mos.

#### BOSTON.

OCT. 23.—**Pig** is, if anything, more unsettled than ever, and buyers patch out their small wants with more or less indifference to brand, the temptations being in quotations, which, as previously reported, are gauged upon the ideas of the buyers' postings upon the market. The reports from the primary markets, both through the press and by private correspondence, indicate that the undercurrent of demoralization, so long prevalent in this market, has cropped out at home, that holders, abandoning the idea of breaking the markets at the outports, and holding up their primary points, have turned in for selling, as it were, to "most any feller" who looked rugged enough to carry a load. In fact, just now Pig Iron seems to want to shift from banks and note brokers who control by advances. In this market, prices are hardly quotable. **Bar** has hardly had as good a trade as was reported a week ago. There is no advance on \$25.50 for warranted, either in round lots or in a jobbing way. A little spurt occurred early in the week in Shifting Irons, but at prices incidental with favorite brands, and current quotations on refined are \$57.50 and common at \$51. **Steel** has had a fair week in machinery, and a little doing in tool. The Ames Plow meeting has had a depressing influence, and dealers are again exercising renewed circumspection over credits. Prices are firm on foreign and American. We quote: American Tool, 14c. to 15c.; American Machinery, 9c. to 9.5c.; Bessemer Tires, 7c. to 7.5c.; Sweet's Excelsior Tire, 8c. to 12c.; English Tool, 16c. to 18c., gold. **Copper** is dull and steady, with manufacturers offering to take small lots at 23c. and holders asking 23c. There is nothing new as regards the situation except the associated press dispatches that navigation is to close early on the lakes, and the quoted prospects that shipments of Copper are to immediately cease—possibly entailing gossip for newspaper publishers to pay for, but of no practical use to the mining companies, the thing being so thin and following so closely upon the manufacturers' meeting. For manufacturers we quote: New Sheathing, 30c.; Bolts and Braziers, 31c.; Yellow Metal Bolts, 30c. to 29c. **Lead** is having very little business, prices feeling a shade easier. We quote Pig 5c. to 5.5c. for Domestic, and 6c. to 6.5c. for Foreign; Sheet and Pipe Lead, 9c., currency; Tin Lined Pipe, 16.5c.; Bar Lead, 9c., less usual trade or 10 per cent. discount. **Antimony** is firm, with very little doing, quoting from 13.5c. to 13.5c. as to lots bought. **Spelter** is strong and dull at \$7.55, 30 days, and \$7.40, prompt cash, all currency. **Silesian** is having a trivial business at \$7.30. **Tin** stands heavy and unchanged, buyers and sellers apart, without any peculiar interest with either party. We quote: Straits, 20c.; Banca, 24c.; Refined English, 19c. to 20c., gold. Plates are active; we quote Charcoal I. C., \$7.25 to \$7.45; Coke, \$6.50 to \$6.75;

and Terne at \$6.15 to \$6.30, gold.—*Com. Bulletin.*

#### CINCINNATI.

Messrs. L. R. HULL & Co., under date of Oct. 25, write us as follows: The market is quiet, with little of real importance to advise. Purchases are principally confined to actual wants of consumers, and no speculative ripple can be discerned. Quotations remain about as last reported:

**HOT BLAST CHARCOAL.**

Hanging Rock No. 1, 1 ton. \$25.00 @ 26.00 — 4 mos.

No. 2 ..... 23.00 @ 24.00 — 4 mos.

" Forge ..... 21.00 @ 22.00 — 4 mos.

Southern Brands No. 1 ..... 23.00 @ 24.00 — 4 mos.

" Forge ..... 21.00 @ 22.00 — 4 mos.

Virginia No. 1 ..... 24.00 @ 25.00 — 4 mos.

No. 2 ..... 23.50 @ 23.00 — 4 mos.

" Forge ..... 21.00 @ 22.00 — 4 mos.

**COLD BLAST STONE COAL AT D.C.R.**

Hanging Rock No. 1, 1 ton. \$23.00 @ 24.00 — 4 mos.

" Forge ..... 21.00 @ 22.00 — 4 mos.

Red Short No. 1 ..... 27.00 @ 28.00 — 4 mos.

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**THE FIRST WAGONS AND PERMANENT WAY.**

It was never intended, at the outset of the Stockton & Darlington Railway, that it should be other than a tramway designed for the purpose of carrying coals and other merchandise from the interior of South Durham to the seaboard and the intermediate centers of population. At that time, indeed, the South Durham coal field, which now sends out its 18,000,000 tons of coal per annum, was completely isolated from the rest of the world, and the produce, as a whole, was considerably under a million tons. It was at first a moot point whether a canal should not be constructed in preference to a railway, but it was eventually decided that the latter should be adopted, the estimated cost of the canal being £205,283, as compared with £125,000 for the railway. The first work of constructing a public railway was not easy. Not many men then living could have carried it out as Stephenson did. He had more experience of railways than any other man in the North of England, and he had just completed the Hetton Colliery Railway, in 1822. In the construction of the line he adopted the following principles:

"1. On the level, or nearly level, gradients, horses or locomotive engines were proposed to be used, it being laid down as a rule that, if practicable, the gradients, ascending with the load, should not be more than 1 in 100.

"2. In gradients descending with the load, when more than 1 in 30, the use of self-acting planes; and—

"3. In ascending gradients with the load, where the gradients did not admit of the use of horses or locomotive engines, fixed engines and ropes should be adopted."

In the application of these rules to the Stockton and Darlington Railway, Stephenson employed a fixed engine on the line to pull the coals over Brusselton Hill, a steep elevation above Shildon, where, on his advice, two 30 horse-power engines, acting on one shaft, were erected by R. Stephenson & Co., of Newcastle, for drawing the wagons up the incline. The cost of these engines was £3482.15. At the Etherley Hill top, two other engines were erected, each of 15 horse-power and acting on one shaft, at a cost of £1982.15. The contract for the construction of these engines provided that the builders "should find every description of material, and all fitting up for both engines and boilers, except that the company shall find all the stones in the rough state that may be wanted for the said purpose at Brusselton or Etherley quarries, we leading the said stones—the two boilers for the first named engine to be 8 ft. diameter by 20 ft. long, and the boiler for the Etherley engine to be of the same dimensions, and to be made of the best scrap iron. \* \* \* The size of the working cylinders to be 30 in. for the Brusselton engine and 22 in. for the Etherley engine, and all other materials to be in proportion, and of the best quality and workmanship, fitted up in a complete and workmanlike manner."

One of the greatest difficulties that occurred to the directors of the Stockton & Darlington Railway arose out of the consideration of the wagons that ought to be allowed to run on the line. They were met by all kinds of applications for leave to use wagons, carts, lorries, and conveyances of different sorts and sizes. Confusion and disorder were certain in the long run to arise out of such a miscellaneous and unmethodical arrangement, and hence the company laid down the following conditions for the construction of wagons to be used on the line: That the soles, if of English oak, should be 7 in. by 5 in.; that the bottom sheaths, if of English oak, should be four in number, two of them measuring 9 in. by 4 in., and the other two 6 in. by 4 in., an inch more in each sheath being required if made of other timber; that the height from the top of the rail to the under side of the cleat, or lining, affixed to the bottom side of the sole ends, should not exceed 1 ft. 7 in.; that the height from the top of the rail to the bottom should not exceed 1 ft. 8 in.; that the coupling chains should be made of 1 in. round iron, and that protecting or side chains be fixed to the wagons; that the end link should be 3½ in. long, and the rest of the links 2½ in. long; that the bottom part should be 3½ in. broad and 1½ in. thick to the first bolt hole in the sheath; that the pin hole should be 1½ in. in diameter, and 1½ in. from the end of the bar; that the coupling chain pin should be 5½ in. long from the shoulder, 1½ in. thick at the shoulder, and 1½ in. thick at the point; that the drawing strap and crook should be made of 1 in. round iron; that the journals and axles should be not less than 3 in. in diameter; that the wheels should not be less diameter than 2 ft. 6 in., nor to exceed 2 ft. 10 in., exclusive of the flange; that the weight of the wheels when finished should be not less than 2½ cwt., nor to exceed 2¾ cwt.; that the brake handles be of 1½ in. round iron; that the bottom bands be 1½ in. square; and that the whole of the iron work specified should be made of best scrap bars. A penalty was attached to bringing any wagon on the line not constructed in accordance with these requirements. All wagons used on the line, and indeed on all lines in the North of England for many years subsequent to this date, were called chaldron wagons, and carried from 2 to 3 tons. Of these there are still over 7000 in use on the Darlington section.

**RAILS.**

Another matter that greatly perplexed the directors of the Stockton and Darlington line in 1822 was the kind of rails that should be adopted. Stephenson recommended malleable iron rails, 28 lb. per yard, "fish bellied," and Birkenshaw's patent, and the directors, after consulting several other engineers, recommended that two thirds of the line should be

laid with malleable iron and the remainder with cast iron, the chairs in both cases to be of cast iron. The following are the conditions which the company issued for their supply:

"1. The proposals to specify the lowest price, as there will not be an opportunity of making any abatement.

"2. No tender will be considered unless made by the principal or accredited agent, nor should it differ in any respect from these conditions and specifications.

"3. The party contracting for malleable or iron rails should give a bond in the penalty of £4000 for the fulfillment of his contract, according to specifications.

"4. The party contracting for chairs to give a bond in a penalty of £500 for the fulfillment of his contract according to specifications.

"5. The rails of malleable iron to be made from scraps or good English bars remanufactured—the railway company to have the liberty of sending an occasional inspector to see that the rails and chairs are made of materials according to agreement.

"6. The rails, whether malleable or cast iron, and the chairs for the same, to be tested as laid down, by a weight of 14 tons, placed on a four-wheeled carriage, coupled at a distance of 4 feet, and moving at the rate of two and a half miles per hour.

"7. All rails, of either description, and all chairs, which shall be broken on testing by the above weight, or which at any time within three years after being laid down, shall have any apparent deficiency, shall be returned to the contractor, who shall bear the expenses of all carriage, and supply others to the railway company free from any charge.

"8. The engineer employed by the railway company shall, at their expense, lay down 100 yards of malleable iron rails, and 100 yards of cast iron rails to prove that the specific weight of the rails is sufficient to bear the above described weight."

It was specified that the malleable iron rails should be 56 lb. per double yard; that the breadth of top of rail should be 2½ in., and the depth at the end 2 in.; that the depth at the middle should be 3½ in.; that the depth of the top flange should be ¾ in.; that the thickness of the web at the top should be ¼ in.; that the thickness of the web at the bottom should be ½ in.; that the edge should be rounded and the surface flat; that the rails should be perfectly straight, and fit to the chairs accurately, and that a sample rail and chair, or patterns thereof, should be furnished to the company. With reference to the cast iron rails it was provided that the length of each should be 4 ft., and that the weight per double yard should be 115 lbs.—the breadth at the top of the rail to be 2½ in.; the depth at the end to be 4 in.; the depth at the middle to be 6 in.; the depth of the top flange to be an inch, and the thickness of the web at the top to be ¾ in. The cast iron chairs for the malleable iron rails were required to be 12 lbs. per double yard, each chair weighing 6 lbs.; and for the cast iron rails the chairs were required to be 10 lbs. each or 15 lbs. per double yard.

It is utterly impossible to contemplate the remarkable difficulties with which the pioneers of the first public railway had to contend without feeling that much greater credit is due to their efforts than posterity, in all probability, will ever be disposed to allow. Everything about the Stockton and Darlington Railway was more or less experimental. The directors resolved by an admixture of cast and malleable iron rails, to decide for themselves, by the lessons of experience, which was the most economical. But this was not all. They were quite at a loss to discover how the rails were to be attached to the way. Sleepers such as those now universally used were then altogether unknown. In one or two tramways in Wales and elsewhere oak blocks had been laid down. But the directors seemed to think that stone blocks would be more durable and more firm than timber, and hence they determined to lay the greater part of the line with them. These blocks were obtained from Brusselton quarries, near to the Brusselton Bank incline; and it is a somewhat curious fact that the line was taken further south than it otherwise would have been, in order that it might be brought as near as possible to these quarries, and thus cheapen the cost of the blocks. These blocks cost 3½ each in wagons at the quarries, or about 9½ per linear yard, when drilled and laid down. They were 18 in. to 24 in. long by 14 in. to 18 in. broad, and 10 in. to 12 in. deep, "the top and bottom of each block to be parallel with each other." Into one of the parallel sides of the stone block, and exactly in the center, the contractor was required to insert the cast iron chair to the depth of half an inch. Two holes, each three-quarters of an inch in depth, were drilled through each block to correspond with those of the chair. The oak blocks used in the construction of the original Stockton and Darlington line in 1822-23 were 2 ft. 6 in. long, 6 in. broad, and 6 in. to 8 in. deep. The first switches used on the line were 4 ft. in length and made of cast iron, with wrought iron tongues. The cost of maintenance in the earlier years of the Stockton and Darlington Railway was terrific. Owing to the extreme rigidity of the stone blocks, the rolling stock was nearly shaken to pieces, and the permanent way was much damaged—so much so, indeed, that neither could stand one-half of the wear and tear they now endure under more favorable conditions. Nor was this a feature confined to the first public railway. It applied quite as much to the line from Darlington to York and the Grand Junction and London and Birmingham lines, on each of which stone blocks were first employed, although they soon came to be superseded by the modern sleeper.

**STATISTICAL ASPECTS OF THE STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY.**

To the question, "Whether are the statistical

or the historical aspects of the railway system the more wonderful," it would be difficult to return a satisfactory reply. Modest enough estimates were formed concerning the probable revenue of the Stockton and Darlington Railway when it was projected in 1818. From an annual revenue of £11,904.19 it was calculated on; from lime, £104.3.; and from merchandise, &c., £4000, making altogether a total of £16,009. But in the company's second financial year they reached a total income of £18,304, of which £14,455 was from coals. Five years later the total quantity of coal passing over the line reached 424,574 tons, and the receipts from coal traffic amounted to £57,819. In 1860 the coal and coke traffic had advanced to 2,043,506 tons, and ironstone—of which not a single ton had been carried by the company up to 1845—had risen to 1,484,409 tons, the revenue of the year from minerals alone being £280,375. Ten years later still the quantity of coal carried over the line reached 4,341,631 tons, and the quantity of ironstone had exceeded 3,000,000 tons, while the revenue of the company was over a million sterling. All this, of course, was largely the result of the development of the Cleveland iron trade, which may be said to have commenced in 1850. As a further proof of the remarkable progress of the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company, we may remark that the dividends have reached a higher point than those of any railway in the kingdom.—*Engineering.*

**Plastic Paper.**

A writer in the Boston *Commercial Bulletin*, discussing the increasing industrial uses of paper, says:

Few people are aware of the extent to which papier-mâche is used. With the exception of such fancy articles as trays, snuff-boxes, cigar-cases, portfolios and the like, it is not generally supposed that the material is of much practical utility. But, for many years, papier-mâche has been made into moldings, cornices, center-flowers and similar decorations for theaters, saloons and other buildings, public and private; not only in this country, but in Europe. The rich ceiling of the British House of Lords, for example, is of this material.

The most remarkable instance, however, of the employment of papier-mâche for architectural purposes is in the construction of a church in Norway capable of holding a thousand persons. The interior walls as well as the exterior Corinthian columns are covered with papier-mâche. The roof, the ceiling, the statues which adorn the church and even the base-reliefs outside, are of papier-mâche, which was made water-proof and nearly fire-proof by an application of vitriol water and lime slaked with whey and white of eggs.

Quite a number of our own public buildings are decorated with papier-mâche, and what seems massive and heavy capitals and rich stucco is only dry paper pulp. No doubt such work would excite the ire of John Ruskin, who must have no sham or imitations within his jurisdiction; but one would think even his feelings might be calmed by the assurance that this elaborate and graceful ornamentation is at least as durable as the building which it adorns.

This manufacture is by no means a modern invention, having been carried on for at least a century in France and Germany. The first use made of it was for such articles as snuff-boxes; but the fact that it could be worked into picture frames and moldings soon became known, and, from its lightness, cheapness and great durability, it quickly got into use for house decoration.

Of late years France and Germany have all but entirely failed in doing anything in this branch of industry, the greater portion of the papier-mâche manufacture being carried on in Birmingham. Very lately a patent has been taken out in that city for the making in this material of panels for carriages and other vehicles, chimney pieces, etc.

One important feature in the manufacture of these articles is the japanning. When molded, the article is dipped into linseed oil and tar. It is then heated and varnished, after which operations the hand of the artist comes in, and frequently pearl shell and gem inlaying. The pearl is introduced when the lampblack and tar varnish are used. In this way some of the most beautiful and artistic designs are executed. Shortly after the manufacture was introduced into Birmingham, trays were adorned with some of the finest pictures and designs of the masters, and such articles frequently brought many hundred times their original cost of production, so much were they esteemed by rich connoisseurs.

The manufacture of papier-mâche has been for many years carried on in Boston; but it is chiefly confined to the production of moldings, cornices and other articles necessary in house decoration. One of the great objections against stucco and plaster cornices and moldings is their liability, if not certainty, of cracking. The slightest "settling" of a house is sure to make unsightly fissures. It is not unfrequently happens that even more serious consequences have resulted from this cause; pieces of molding have fallen from the ceiling of buildings upon the heads of people beneath, much to their alarm and injury. With the papier-mâche all this is most effectually obviated, it being so light, tough and pliant, that nothing short of an earthquake can possibly displace it, when once properly attached to the walls.

Among the more prominent advantages of papier-mâche is that moldings or any other article made of it, may be packed and transported to any port of the world, without the slightest danger of breaking, and, being light, the freight is not expensive. So that a person at a distance wanting such decorations for his house may have them sent, and any carpenter can put them in place, as they can be sawed, planed, bored and nailed wherever desired.

To give some idea of the cost of paper-mâche work, we may state that center-flowers from about two feet in diameter to oval ones or six feet by four cost from three to twelve dollars. Moldings are worth from five to fifty cents, according to depth; and other articles are in like proportion. Any design may be copied, of course, at a greater expense.

There are two methods of making paper-mâche: One is by gluing sheets of paper together and then submitting them to great pressure till they have the appearance of one stout sheet; another is by grinding up old paper into pulp, and mixing the mass with gum-arabic, glue, plaster, &c., according to the use to which it is to be applied. The primitive mode of preparing the pulp was by braying the material in a mortar; but the grinding process has for many years been adopted. Indeed, now manufacturers of paper-mâche generally prepare the pulp from the paper mills.

The most expensive and difficult part of the work is making the molds. The designs are first carved on wood, and the matrix, or mold, is made by placing this carving in a frame and pouring in molten zinc, similar to the manner in which type are cast.

Lately an improvement has been made by applying the electro-plate processes, thereby procuring thin molds of copper, which are less expensive than the zinc molds, and do no injury to the fine lines of the carving.

When the molds and counter-molds are made the rest of the operation is comparatively simple. The soft, plastic material is turned out like pats of butter. The articles are then placed in a heated closet to dry, and, in a few hours, are ready for use.

In addition to moldings and the like, the pilasters and capitals of pillars are among the manufactures; these are made of any size or style of architecture, and are as durable as marble or iron. For the fitting up of passenger ships or steamers this material is extensively used, and is much superior to anything else for the purpose. Such elaborate decorations as spread eagles are also made of paper-mâche, and we have seen them of large dimensions, and yet so light as to be easily taken anywhere, and so tough that a fall from almost any height will not fracture them.

**United States Hardwares in Australia.**—We have, from time to time, drawn attention to the success with which hardwares manufactured in the United States have competed with some of the British firms in certain foreign markets, hitherto supplied almost exclusively from this side, at the same time that United States products have been finding their way into our own country. The reports to hand from the different hardware districts still show that there is little or no revival in the demand for iron and hardware products required in Canada. Thither it is well known the United States manufacturers continue to send the goods they make at rates much under those wanted by the English manufacturers. But this is not all. Some of the manufactured goods sent across the Lakes into the Dominion are said to be more handy than the English patterns. Some time ago we reported that the United States iron and hardware manufacturers were pushing their advantage in Australia and in New Zealand. In those markets, likewise, American enterprise is still disagreeably apparent. The worst of it is that not a few of the American goods are declared, as to quality, to surpass our own. As to the Antipodean markets, all that we have here said is borne out by a communication which has been received by a firm of Birmingham merchants from their agent in Melbourne. He writes as follows: "You will notice our indent runs more on American ironmongery than formerly. Their goods are far superior to English made, and latterly they have been much cheaper. There is no comparison in the profits they pay us, and they give universal satisfaction. Small wares, locks, tools, &c., indeed, all sorts of American made goods are now being sold in the market; and when once used, seen, or sold, the user or buyer will never again buy from English-made articles of the same class."—*Ironmonger.*

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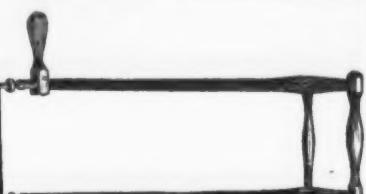
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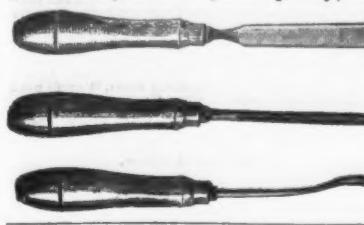
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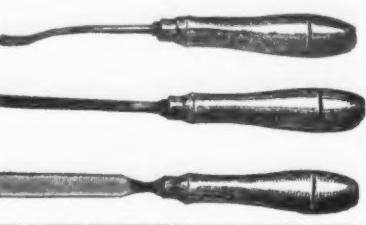


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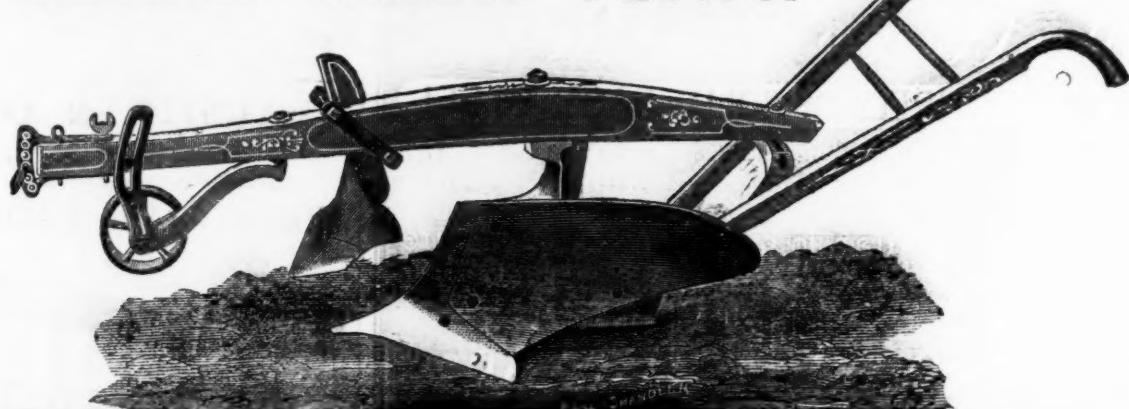
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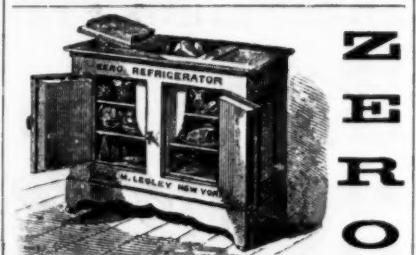
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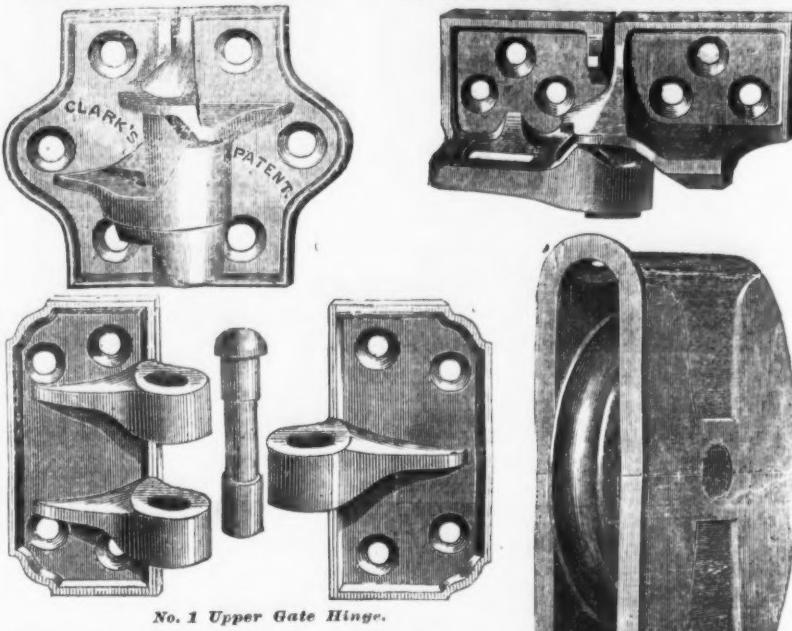


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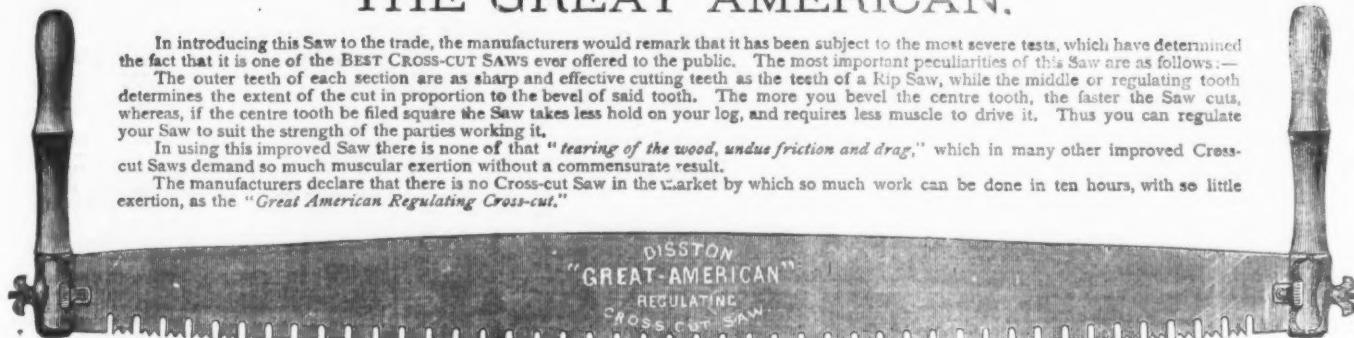
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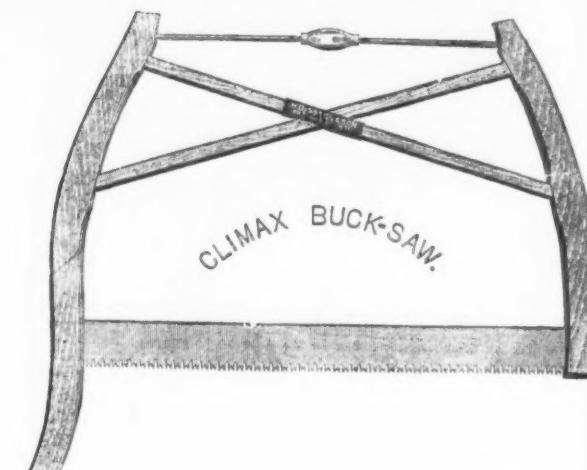


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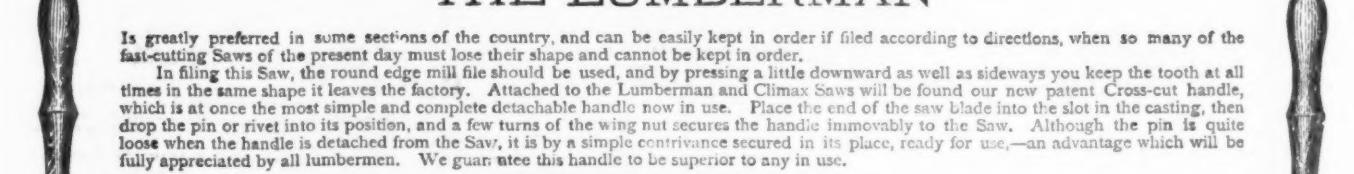
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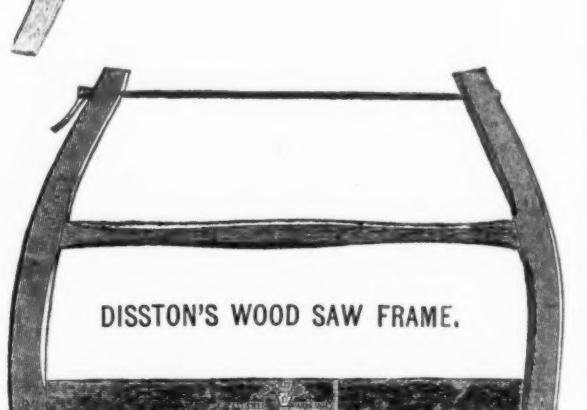


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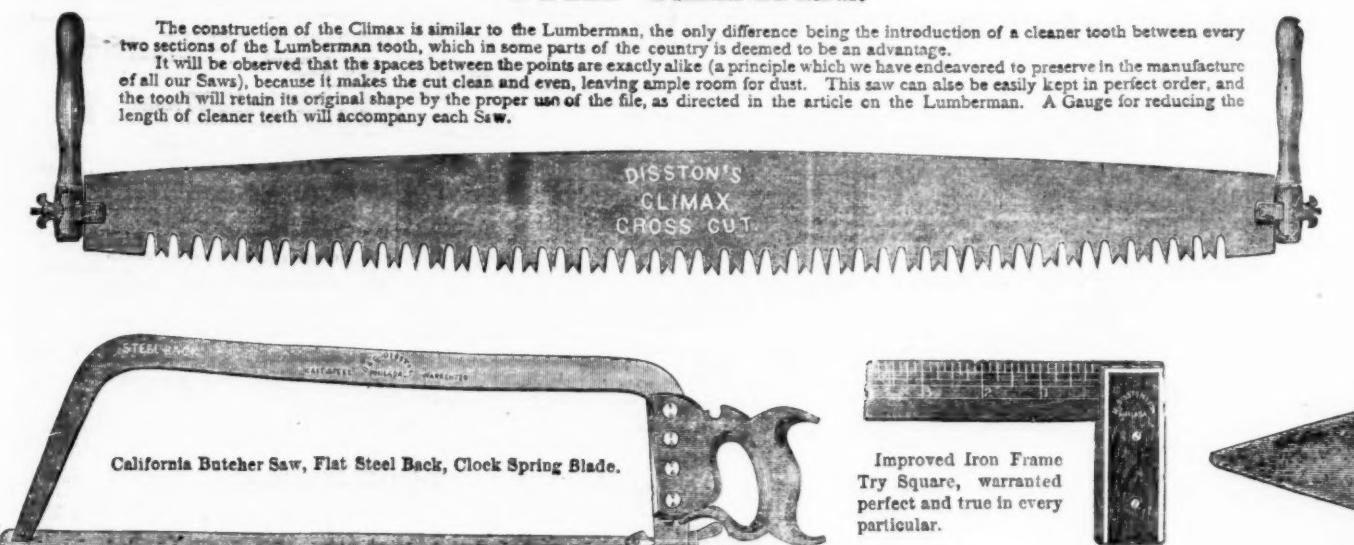


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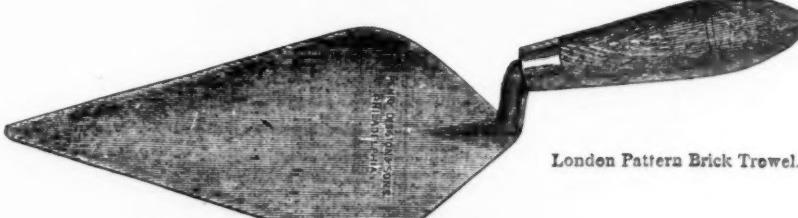
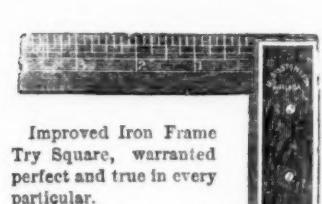
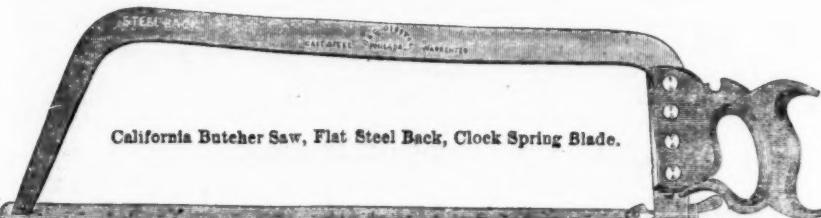
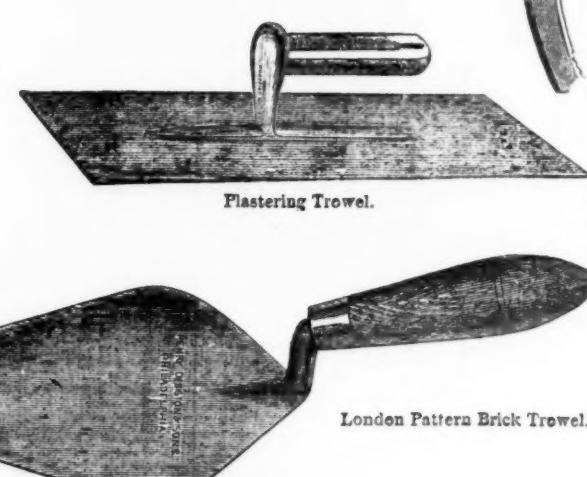


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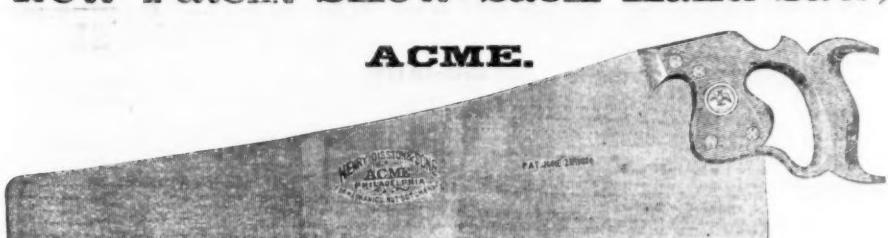
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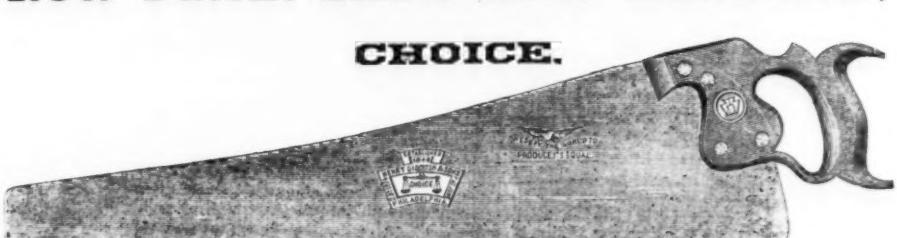


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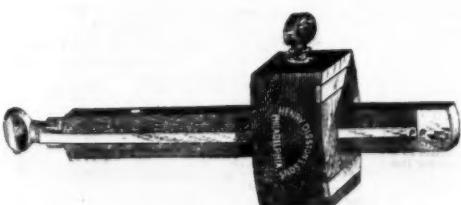
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Broad.			
" Jap'd.			
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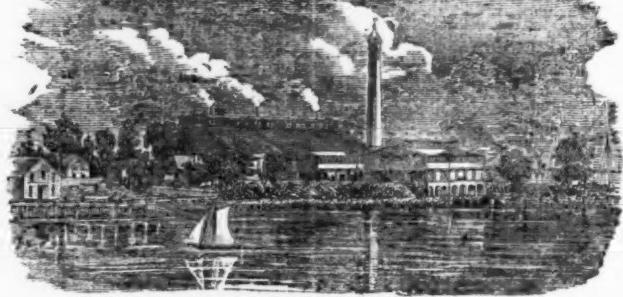
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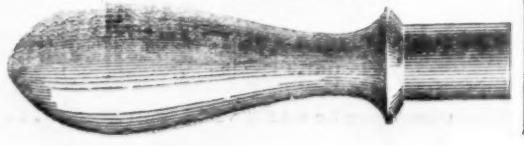
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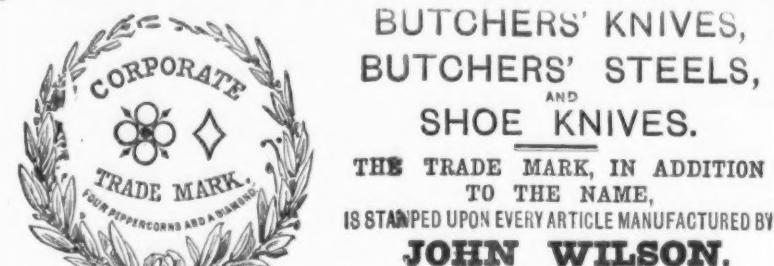
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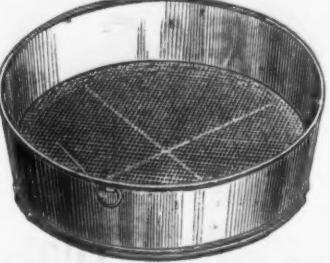
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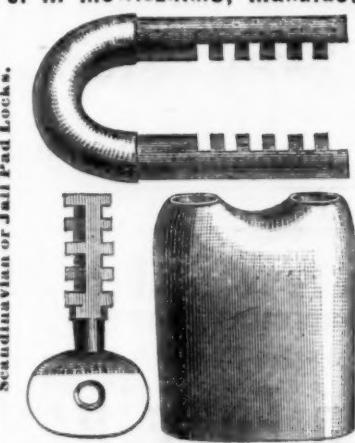
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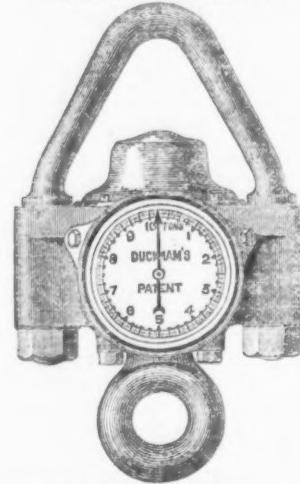
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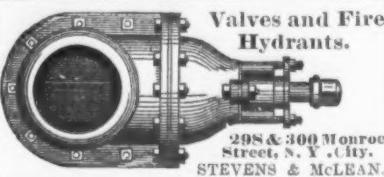
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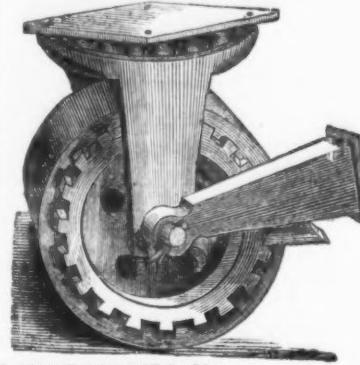
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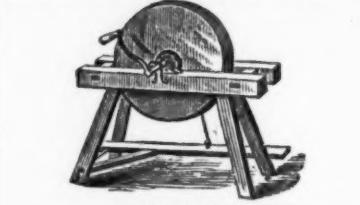
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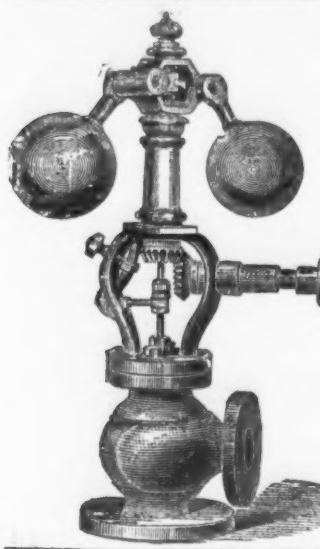
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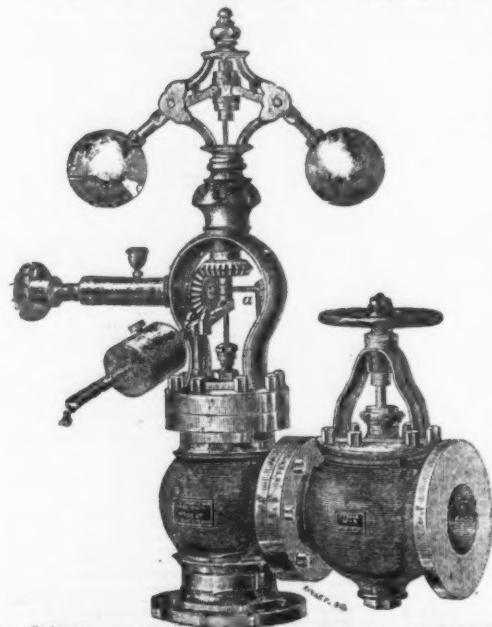
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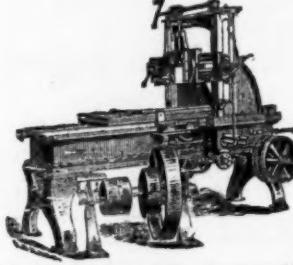
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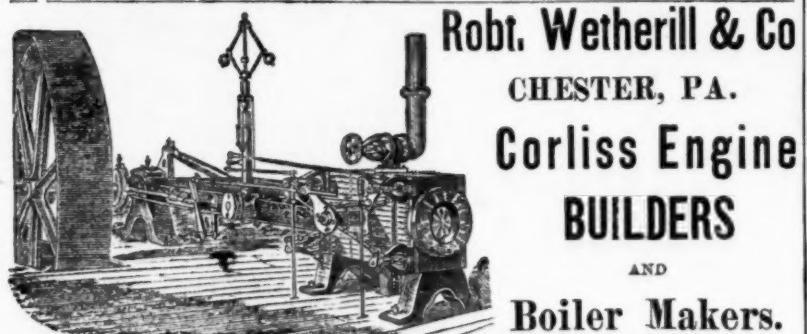
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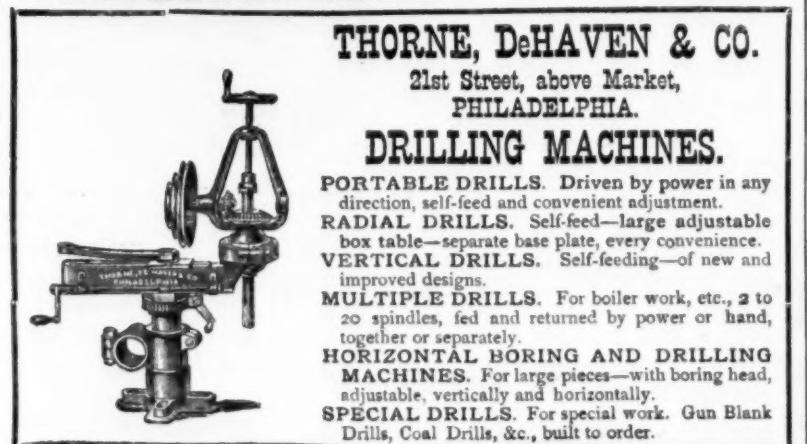


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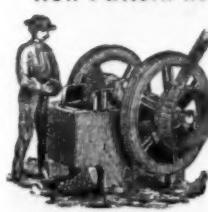
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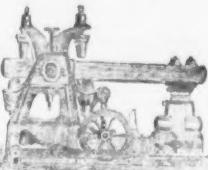
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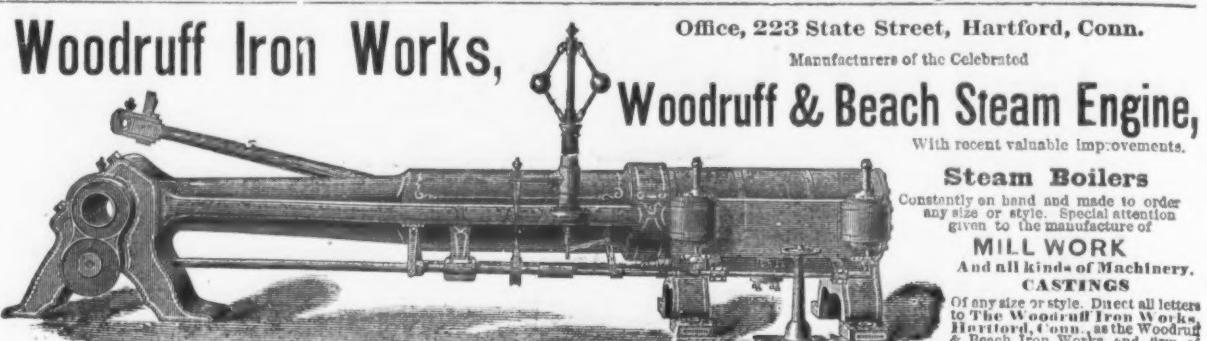
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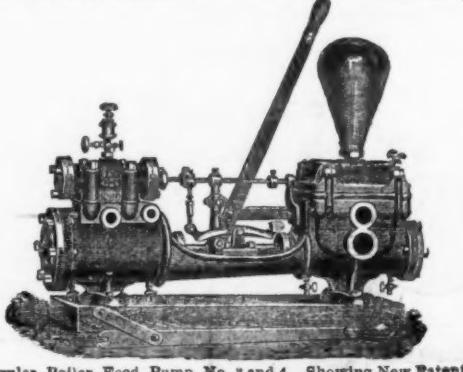
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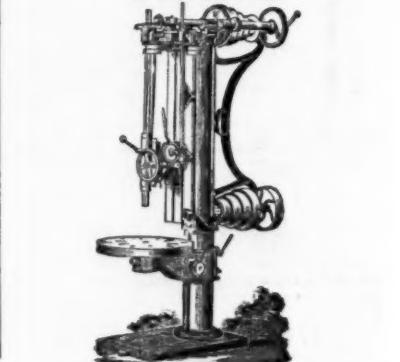
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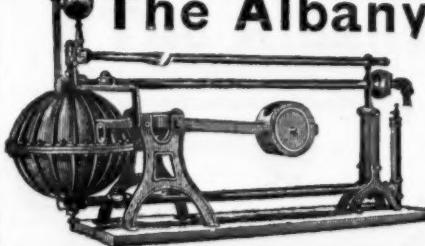
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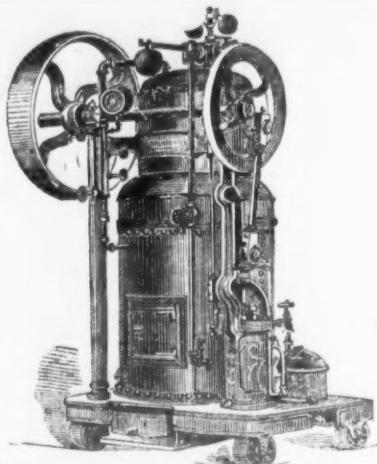
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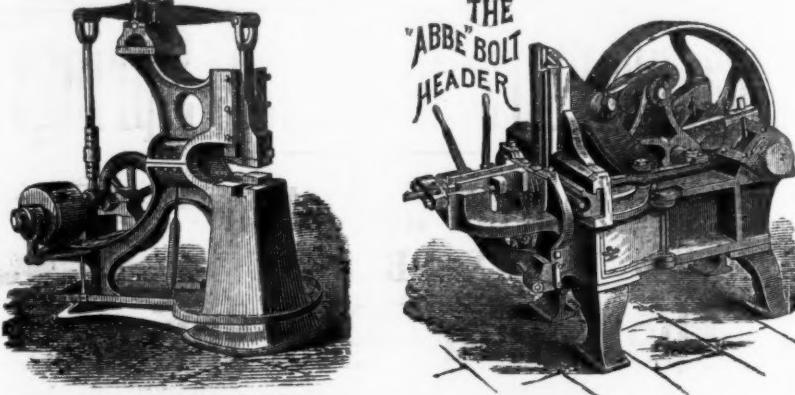
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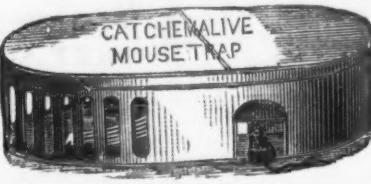
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